NORTH AFRICAN · DINNER

Moroccan Baked Fish with Chermoula

55 min · Serves 4 · 233 kcal a serve · Video 7:01 · cookingwithalia

Pescatarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

Whole fish baked in a herb and tomato sauce rather than fried, with only 2 tbsp of oil for four servings: a serve gives about 28 g of protein, is rich in selenium and vitamin B12, and has no added sugar.

Diet notes: Low carb (6.6 g net carbs) but not keto: 35% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 1 whole **fish** (red mullet or sea bream), about 2¼ lb, cleaned and scaled (roughly 1 lb flesh)
- [ ] 4 medium **tomatoes**, grated (skins discarded), + 1 tomato sliced for the top
- [ ] 1 **lemon**, thinly sliced for the top
- [ ] 1 bunch **cilantro** (about 2 oz)
- [ ] 4–5 large **garlic** cloves, peeled
- [ ] 2 tsp **paprika**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **hot red chilli powder**, to taste
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **water**

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Fish. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Make a deep cut along each side of the cleaned fish and prick the flesh inside with the knife tip so the marinade can get in. Remove the eyes to avoid bitterness. 1:06
2. Blend the cilantro, garlic, paprika, cumin, chilli, salt, oil and water into a thick, smooth chermoula. 1:36
3. Lay the fish in a baking dish and cover it all over, inside and out, with half the chermoula. 2:33
4. Halve the tomatoes and grate the flesh on the coarse side of a grater, discarding the skins. Mix the grated tomato with the remaining chermoula and pour it around the fish. 3:19
5. Top the fish with alternating thin slices of tomato and lemon and spoon any last chermoula over them. 4:46
6. Bake at 360°F for 35–40 minutes until the flesh is cooked and soft; do not overbake. Serve straight from the dish. 6:00

> **Tip** Serves 4 is our estimate. Chermoula keeps a week in the fridge, so make a double batch. Fillets work too but need less time in the oven. Serve with bread or couscous.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
233 kcal	29 g	9.5 g	2.9 g	9.1 g	660 mg
970 kJ	57% of a day	6.6 g net · 4.6 g sugars	10% of a day	0.9 g saturated	29% of a day
		3% of a day		12% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 12% · protein 51% · fat 37% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 146% · Selenium 91% · Omega-3 58% · Vitamin K 54% · Vitamin B6 41% · Vitamin C 35% · Potassium 22% · Vitamin E 21% · Vitamin A 20%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 15% · Folate 10%

Recipe and video: cookingwithalia (@cookingwithalia) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=aukOn4gR-uE, published 18 January 2014. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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