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Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa (Creamy Taquería Avocado Sauce)

10 min | Makes 18 × 2 tbsp | 18 kcal a portion | Video 5:45 · Rick Bayless

Vegan | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

Avocado blended with raw tomatillo, chile and coriander gives a creamy sauce with no dairy or added oil: 2 tbsp have about 18 kcal and under 1 g of net carbs. Vegan and keto-friendly.

Diet notes: Keto (0.8 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

7 · MAKES 18 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] 8 oz (about 4) **tomatillos**, husked, rinsed and roughly chopped
- [ ] 1 **serrano chile** (or ½ jalapeño), stemmed and roughly chopped
- [ ] a small handful of **coriander** (cilantro), stems included, roughly chopped
- [ ] ⅓ cup **water**, plus about 1 tbsp more
- [ ] 1 **ripe avocado**, halved, pitted and scooped out
- [ ] about ¼ cup finely chopped **white onion**, rinsed
- [ ] **salt**, usually a scant teaspoon

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the chopped tomatillos, chile and coriander in a blender with ⅓ cup water. Blend, starting on low, to a coarse, slushy purée that still has some texture. 0:22
2. Add the avocado and some of the salt and blend again until smooth and creamy; the avocado thickens the salsa. 2:55
3. Pour into a bowl and stir in about 1 tbsp more water if it needs loosening to a spoonable consistency. 3:45
4. Rinse the chopped onion in a sieve under cold water, shake it dry and stir it in rather than blending it (blended, it takes over). Taste and add the rest of the salt. 3:53
5. Serve within a few hours, on tacos (especially steak), eggs, grilled fish or prawns.

> **Tip** Start with half a jalapeño or one serrano and add more to taste. Best eaten the day it's made. We count about 2 cups (18 portions) from the ingredient weights; the written recipe says about 1½ cups.

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

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
18 kcal	0.3 g	1.7 g	0.9 g	1.4 g	110 mg
80 kJ	1% of a day	0.8 g net · 0.7 g sugars	3% of a day	0.2 g saturated	5% of a day
		1% of a day		2% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 19% · protein 7% · fat 74% — fits keto: 0.8 g net carbs, 74% of the energy from fat

Recipe and video: Rick Bayless (@rickbayless) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=ThkORM2PAQ4, published 27 December 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, 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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