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Broiled Bacon-Wrapped Scallops

25 min · Makes 6 × 4 pieces · 121 kcal a portion · Video 9:39 · America's Test Kitchen

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

Sea scallops are very lean: four pieces give about 16 g of protein for roughly 120 kcal, with two-thirds of a day's vitamin B12. Scallops are naturally salty and the bacon adds more (about 690 mg sodium a serve), so keep it a party bite.

Diet notes: Carnivore if you leave out the fresh chives; Low carb (3.5 g net carbs) but not keto: 34% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

6 · MAKES 6 × 4 PIECES

- [ ] 24 large **sea scallops** (about 450 g)
- [ ] 6 slices **bacon**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **salt**
- [ ] ⅛ tsp **ground black pepper**
- [ ] a pinch of **cayenne pepper**
- [ ] 2 tbsp minced **fresh chives**, to garnish

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Set an oven rack 15 cm (6 in) below the grill (broiler) and heat it to high. Line a broiler pan, or a rimmed tray fitted with a wire rack, with foil. 4:27
2. Cut each bacon slice lengthwise into two thin strips, then cut each strip in half to give 24 short pieces. 1:15
3. Spread the bacon between layers of paper towel on a microwave-safe plate and microwave on high for 1–2 minutes, until some fat has rendered but the bacon is still pliable. 2:26
4. Pull the small tough side muscle off each scallop, then toss the scallops with the salt, pepper and cayenne. 3:32
5. Wrap a piece of bacon around the middle of each scallop, tuck the end underneath and stand them on the rack. 4:56
6. Grill for 3–4 minutes, turning the pan halfway, until the scallops are opaque and the bacon is browned at the edges. Spear each with a toothpick and scatter with the chives. 5:47

> **Tip** Makes 21–25 pieces; 6 serves of 4 is our estimate. Pre-cooking the bacon in the microwave lets it brown in the few minutes the scallops need. Leave out the chives for strict carnivore.

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

One portion (4 pieces) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
121 kcal	16 g	3.5 g	0 g	4.5 g	690 mg
510 kJ	33% of a day	3.5 g net · 0 g sugars	0% of a day	1.5 g saturated	30% of a day
		1% of a day		6% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 12% · protein 54% · fat 34% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 68% · Selenium 38%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 12%

Recipe and video: America's Test Kitchen (@AmericasTestKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=FmA8tGTfUVo, published 2 February 2026. 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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