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Caldo Verde: Portuguese Potato and Greens Soup

40 min · Serves 8 · 217 kcal a serve · Video 8:19 · HealthNut Nutrition

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A thrifty Portuguese family soup thickened only with blended potato, so it is creamy without cream: low in fat, with fibre and potassium from the potatoes and vitamin C and vitamin K from the shredded greens.

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Ingredients 8 · SERVES 8

- [ ] 8–10 **potatoes**, peeled and quartered
- [ ] 1.9–2.4 L of **water**
- [ ] 1 **brown onion**, finely chopped
- [ ] 2 cloves of **garlic**, minced
- [ ] 1 bunch of **collard greens**, stems removed, very thinly sliced
- [ ] 1 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 2 tsp **sea salt**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **black pepper**

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

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. Peel and quarter the potatoes, finely chop the onion and mince the garlic. Put them all in a large pot, cover with the water and bring to the boil. 1:38
2. Boil for about 20 minutes until the potatoes are completely soft. 3:04
3. Meanwhile, cut the stems off the collard greens, stack and roll the leaves, and slice them as thinly as you can into fine ribbons. Leave them in a bowl of cold water. 3:10
4. Blend the potatoes into their cooking water with a stick blender until smooth and creamy. 4:30
5. Drain the greens and stir them into the soup with the salt, pepper and olive oil. Simmer a few minutes until the greens are just tender, then serve hot. 4:53

> **Tip** Serves about 8 (our estimate). The traditional garnish is a few slices of chouriço; leave it out (as here) or use just a little per bowl. Kale or cavolo nero work instead of collards. Keeps 4 days in the fridge.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
217 kcal	6.4 g	45 g	5.7 g	2.2 g	610 mg
910 kJ	13% of a day	39 g net · 3.8 g sugars	20% of a day	0.3 g saturated	27% of a day
		16% of a day		3% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 77% · protein 13% · fat 10%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 106% · Vitamin C 64% · Vitamin B6 41% · Potassium 26%

Source of (10–19%) Folate 19% · Magnesium 17% · Iron 15%

Recipe and video: HealthNut Nutrition (@HealthNutNutrition) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=lev7MHMttOM, published 4 June 2017. 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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