INDIAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Creamy Chana Masala (No Cream)

40 min · Serves 3 · 397 kcal a serve · Video 7:54 · Skinny Recipes

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients

Chickpeas give about 14 g of protein and 13 g of fibre per serve, plus folate and iron, and a few cashews make the gravy creamy instead of cream or butter. Just over 2 tbsp of oil for the whole pan.

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Ingredients 19 · SERVES 3

- [ ] 2⅓ tbsp **wood-pressed groundnut oil** (2 tbsp + 1 tsp)
- [ ] ½ **cinnamon** stick, broken
- [ ] ½ blade of mace and 4 **cloves**
- [ ] 2 medium **onions**, sliced
- [ ] **pink salt** to taste (the chickpeas were boiled with salt)
- [ ] 2.5 cm piece **ginger**, chopped
- [ ] 6–7 **garlic** cloves, chopped
- [ ] 2 tsp **Kashmiri chilli powder** + ⅓ tsp for the chickpeas
- [ ] ¾ tsp **turmeric powder** (½ tsp + ¼ tsp)
- [ ] ½ tsp **coriander powder**
- [ ] ½ tsp **cumin powder** (jeera)
- [ ] ½ tsp **cumin seeds**
- [ ] 10–12 **cashews**
- [ ] 2 medium **tomatoes**, chopped
- [ ] 350 g boiled **chickpeas** (chana)
- [ ] ½ tsp **garam masala**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **water** + 240 ml water, added little by little
- [ ] ½ medium **capsicum**, chopped
- [ ] a sprinkle of **coriander leaves**, chopped

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

Contains: Peanut, Tree nuts. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat 2 tbsp oil in a heavy pan, then turn the heat to the lowest. Add the cinnamon, mace and cloves, then the sliced onions and a little salt. Cook 2–3 minutes until translucent, add the ginger and garlic and sauté until the onions turn light golden. 0:19
2. Stir in the Kashmiri chilli, ½ tsp turmeric, coriander and cumin powders and roast for 20–30 seconds, then add the cashews. 2:17
3. Add the chopped tomatoes and 2 tbsp water, cover for 2 minutes, then mash lightly and sauté until the oil separates. Turn off the heat and let the masala cool completely. 3:07
4. Grind the cooled masala to a smooth, thick paste without adding water. 4:08
5. Heat 1 tsp oil in the same pan, crackle the cumin seeds, then on the lowest heat add the boiled chickpeas with ¼ tsp turmeric, ⅓ tsp Kashmiri chilli and the garam masala. Stir for 20–30 seconds to coat. 4:47
6. Add the ground masala, rinsing the grinder with 240 ml of water in stages. Bring to a boil on low heat and check the salt. 5:50
7. Stir in the chopped capsicum and coriander, turn off the heat and serve with roti or rice. 6:48

> **Tip** Serves 3 (our estimate). Cook dried chickpeas in bulk and freeze in 470 ml portions. The gravy thickens as it cools, so add a spoon of water if needed. Any cold-pressed oil can replace the groundnut oil.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 3 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
397 kcal	**14** g	**52** g	**14** g	**17** g	**410** mg
1,660 kJ	29% of a day	38 g net · 13 g sugars	49% of a day	1.6 g saturated	18% of a day
		19% of a day		21% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 42% · protein 16% · fat 42%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 64% · Folate 60% · Vitamin C 48% · Iron 33% · Vitamin B6 33% · Magnesium 25% · Zinc 25% · Vitamin K 25% · Vitamin E 24%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 19% · Selenium 13% · Calcium 10% · Vitamin A 10%

Recipe and video: Skinny Recipes (@skinnyrecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=FuJ46Leu-iq, published 18 March 2021. 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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