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Cuban-Style Picadillo with Potatoes

50 min · Serves 6 · 406 kcal a serve · Video 7:16 · Chef Zee Cooks

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

Each serve has about 32 g protein plus iron and zinc from the beef, with tomato, onion and pepper adding vitamin C. The sweetness comes from a spoonful of raisins, not sugar.

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Ingredients 17 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 910 g **grass-fed ground beef**
- [ ] 5 **garlic** cloves, mashed (to season the mince)
- [ ] 1 tsp **oregano** (Dominican or Mexican)
- [ ] **black pepper** to taste
- [ ] **kosher salt** to taste
- [ ] 1 **potato** (Yukon gold), cut into 2.5 cm cubes
- [ ] 1–2 tsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 1 **white onion**, diced
- [ ] ½ **green pepper** (cubanelle or bell), diced
- [ ] ½ tsp **cumin**
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves** (optional)
- [ ] 130 g **tomato paste**
- [ ] 120 ml **tomato sauce**
- [ ] 60 ml **vino seco** (dry cooking wine)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **Spanish olives**, diced
- [ ] 1 tbsp **raisins** (to taste)
- [ ] 3 **garlic** cloves, diced (added at the end)

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. Mix the beef with the mashed garlic, oregano, black pepper and a little salt and leave it to marinate for about 20 minutes. 1:12
2. Meanwhile simmer the potato cubes in water over medium-high heat until just tender, then drain. 1:54
3. Heat 1–2 tsp olive oil and sauté the onion and green pepper with a pinch of salt and pepper until translucent. 2:22
4. Add the beef and brown it, pressing and breaking it up constantly with the back of a spoon while it's still raw so it cooks into fine, smooth crumbs. Add the cumin and bay leaves. 3:04
5. Once browned, add 120 ml water and let it cook off to tenderise the meat, repeating if needed. Work in the tomato paste, then the tomato sauce. 4:05
6. Stir in the vino seco, olives, raisins and the diced fresh garlic, check the salt, then gently fold in the potatoes. Serve with white rice and maduros (sweet plantains). 5:09

> **Tip** Serves 6 (the cook's written recipe). Use lean (5-star) mince and pour off any fat after browning to cut the saturated fat. Vino seco is often salted – go easy on extra salt. Freezes well.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
406 kcal	**32** g	**18** g	**2.8** g	**22** g	**530** mg
1,700 kJ	64% of a day	15 g net · 6.3 g sugars	10% of a day	8.1 g saturated	23% of a day
		6% of a day		28% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 16% · protein 33% · fat 51% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 128% · Zinc 69% · Selenium 47% · Vitamin B6 40% · Iron 26% · Vitamin C 25% · Potassium 20%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 13% · Magnesium 12%

Recipe and video: Chef Zee Cooks (@Chefzeecooks) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=kihT9n_OmNg, published 15 June 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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