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Rugbrød: Danish Seeded Sourdough Rye Bread

260 min · Serves 16 · 254 kcal a serve · Video 7:35 · Foodgeek

Vegetarian · Nut-free

A dense wholegrain loaf made almost entirely from rye flour and cracked rye kernels with pumpkin seeds: high in fibre, with plant protein, magnesium and zinc, and only about 3 g of malt syrup per serve.

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Ingredients 11 · SERVES 16

- [ ] 4 oz **active wheat sourdough starter** (100% hydration), for the levain
- [ ] 5 oz **wholegrain rye flour**, for the levain
- [ ] 12 oz **water**, for the levain (14 oz of the levain goes into the dough; keep the rest as starter)
- [ ] 12 oz **cracked rye kernels**
- [ ] 6 oz **pumpkin seeds**
- [ ] 1 lb **water**, to soak the kernels and seeds (some bakes off)
- [ ] 14 oz **wholegrain rye flour**
- [ ] 7 oz **water**, for the dough
- [ ] 1¾ oz **malt syrup**
- [ ] ¾ oz **salt**
- [ ] **butter**, for greasing the tin

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. The night before, mix the starter, 5 oz rye flour and 12 oz water into a levain. In another bowl, stir the cracked rye and pumpkin seeds into 1 lb water. Leave both on the counter overnight. 1:02
2. Next day, mix 14 oz of the levain with the salt, malt syrup, 14 oz rye flour and 7 oz water. Add the soaked kernels and seeds (strain off any free water) and mix until evenly combined. 1:54
3. Butter a loaf tin, add the sticky dough and level the top with a wet spatula. Cover and leave to rise by 30–50% (2–6 hours), until 6–7 pinholes appear on the surface. 2:22
4. Bake at 475°F for 10 minutes, then lower to 350°F and bake 40–70 minutes more, until the centre reaches about 208°F. 3:06
5. Cool on a rack, then seal in a bag and rest for a day before slicing so the crumb and crust soften. 3:29

> **Tip** Makes 1 loaf; serves 16 (our estimate). Time excludes the overnight levain and seed soak and the day's rest before slicing. Rye is entered as wholemeal flour, so real fibre is higher. Keeps a week wrapped; freezes.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 16 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
254 kcal	10 g	42 g	6.2 g	6.8 g	490 mg
1,060 kJ	20% of a day	36 g net · 2.3 g sugars	22% of a day	1.3 g saturated	21% of a day
		15% of a day		9% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 59% · protein 16% · fat 25%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 61% · Magnesium 32% · Zinc 20%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 16% · Vitamin B6 13%

Recipe and video: Foodgeek (@Foodgeek) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=8EanzisEiMc, published 8 June 2019. 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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