EGYPTIAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Bisella (Egyptian Peas and Carrots Stew with Beef)

البسله بالجزر

75 min | Serves 10 | 379 kcal a serve | Video 7:55 in Arabic · nadia elsayed

Nut-free

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About 42 g protein, 7 g fibre and 19 g net carbs a serve from beef, peas and carrots simmered in tomato; the sugar is about 2 g a serve.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use a gluten-free stock cube, or leave it out.

Ingredients 13 · SERVES 10

- [ ] 1.5 kg **beef**, in thin slices
- [ ] 1.2 kg **frozen peas and carrots** (3 × 400 g bags), about half peas
- [ ] diced **carrots**, the other half of the frozen mix
- [ ] 950 ml **tomato juice** (blended fresh tomatoes)
- [ ] 2–3 **tomatoes**, finely chopped (or ready-chopped tomatoes)
- [ ] 950 ml **water**
- [ ] 1 large **onion** (or 2 medium), finely chopped
- [ ] 1 tbsp **samna** (ghee)
- [ ] 2–3 tbsp **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **black pepper**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **sugar**
- [ ] 4 tsp **salt**
- [ ] 1 **stock cube** (optional; counted as its salt)

Amounts in metric 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. Heat the ghee and oil in a large pot and fry the chopped onion until golden, not brown. 0:35
2. Add the beef and the black pepper and sauté, stirring, until the meat is nicely browned. 1:10
3. Pour in the tomato juice, the water and the chopped tomatoes to cover the meat. Cover and simmer 40–45 minutes, until the beef is almost tender (or pressure-cook it). 1:40
4. Season with the stock cube (optional), sugar and salt, then add the frozen peas and carrots. 2:33
5. Bring back to the boil, cover and cook 10–15 minutes until the vegetables are tender and the beef is done. 3:29

> **Tip** Egyptians serve it with white rice; cauliflower rice or a salad keeps it lower in carbs. Serves 10 is our estimate for 1.5 kg beef. Skip the stock cube to cut the salt. Freezes well.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Arabic) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 10 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
379 kcal	42 g	26 g	7.3 g	13 g	1,290 mg
1,590 kJ	84% of a day	19 g net · 14 g sugars	26% of a day	4.2 g saturated	56% of a day
		10% of a day		17% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 21% · protein 47% · fat 32% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 128% · Zinc 96% · Selenium 74% · Vitamin A 65% · Vitamin B6 54% · Vitamin C 33% · Vitamin K 31% · Iron 29% · Potassium 23% · Omega-3 23% · Folate 20%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 18% · Vitamin E 14%

⚠ One serve has about 56% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: nadia elsayed (@Nadiaelsayed) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=iW70DqJS0p4, published 25 January 2022. 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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