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Fasolia bil Lahmeh (Syrian Green Beans with Minced Meat)

فاصوليه باللحمة

45 min · Serves 4 · 373 kcal a serve · Video 5:01 in Arabic · Heba Nahhas I هبة نحاس

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

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29 g protein, 9 g fibre and 15 g net carbs a serve from green beans braised with minced meat, garlic and coriander; a serve is rich in vitamin B12, vitamin K and zinc.

Ingredients 7 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1 lb minced **lamb or beef**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **ground dried coriander**
- [ ] 1 whole head **garlic**, crushed
- [ ] 1 tsp **seven-spice** (baharat)
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**
- [ ] 2¼ lb **frozen green beans**, cut into short pieces
- [ ] 2 tbsp **tomato paste**

Amounts in US 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. Put the minced meat in a pot with the ground coriander, crushed garlic, seven-spice and salt, and fry, breaking it up, until the meat is cooked and starts to brown in its own fat. 0:35
2. Cut the green beans into short pieces; frozen beans are easier to cut while still frozen. 1:07
3. Add the beans to the meat and stir. If the meat is lean and the pan looks dry, add a little oil or fat. Fry, stirring now and then, until the beans soften and change colour. 1:24
4. Pour in as much water as you like for the sauce and stir in the tomato paste. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat. 1:46
5. Simmer until the beans are tender and the sauce has thickened, then serve hot. 2:17

> **Tip** Serves about 4 (our estimate). In Aleppo it is eaten with vermicelli rice, which the video also shows; skip it or swap in cauliflower rice to keep the carbs low. Fresh beans work too and need a little longer.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
373 kcal	**29 g**	**24 g**	**9 g**	**20 g**	**680 mg**
1,560 kJ	58% of a day	15 g net · 9.3 g sugars	32% of a day	7.7 g saturated	30% of a day
		9% of a day		25% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 17% · protein 33% · fat 50% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 102% · Vitamin K 94% · Zinc 48% · Selenium 48% · Vitamin C 39% · Vitamin B6 35% · Iron 32% · Folate 26% · Magnesium 25% · Omega-3 25% · Potassium 21%

Source of (10–19%) Calcium 12% · Vitamin E 11% · Vitamin A 10%

Recipe and video: Heba Nahhas I هبة نحاس (@heba-nahhas) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=nZodFTcVSog, published 22 May 2020. 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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