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Fermented Dilly Green Beans

20 min · plus 5–7 days fermenting Makes 15 × 5 beans (30 g) 10 kcal a portion

Video 5:33 · Jill Winger - Old Fashioned on Purpose

Vegan | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

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Crunchy, tangy beans soured by fermentation, with no vinegar or sugar, at under 10 kcal for five beans. Lightly salted next to most pickles, at about 100 mg sodium a serve.

Diet notes: Low carb (1.4 g net carbs) but not keto: 6% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

6 · MAKES 15 × 5 BEANS (30 G)

- [ ] 950 ml **fresh green beans**, ends snapped off
- [ ] 1 tbsp **kosher salt** in 470 ml water, a 2% brine (about 350 ml fills the jar; the beans take up about 4 g)
- [ ] 1 clove **garlic**
- [ ] 1 tsp **black peppercorns** (stay in the jar)
- [ ] 1 **bay leaf** (stays in the jar)
- [ ] 2 heads **fresh dill** (or 1 tbsp dill seed; stays in the jar)

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. Stir 1 tbsp kosher salt into 470 ml water until it dissolves (make double or triple for more jars). 2:07
2. Put 1 clove garlic, 1 tsp black peppercorns, 1 bay leaf and 2 heads fresh dill in the bottom of a clean quart jar. 2:29
3. Pack in about 450 g trimmed green beans as tightly as they'll fit — standing upright if you like. 3:00
4. Pour in the brine to cover the beans, leaving about 2.5 cm of headspace, and weigh them down (a glass weight works well) so none stick up above the brine. 3:24
5. Fit the lid loosely, or use an airlock lid. Leave on a warm spot on the counter for 5–7 days, opening the jar every day to let the gas out. 3:57
6. Taste: ferment a few days more for a stronger flavour, then refrigerate. They keep for 2–3 months in the fridge. 4:17

> **Tip** Makes 950 ml jar, about 15 five-bean serves (our estimate). Keep this jar away from other ferments and sourdough starter while it ferments. Dill is optional; dill seed works too.

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

One portion, 5 beans (30 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
10 kcal 40 kJ	**0.6** g 1% of a day	**2.2** g 1.4 g net · 1 g sugars 1% of a day	**0.8** g 3% of a day	**0.1** g 0 g saturated 0% of a day	**110** mg 5% of a day

Energy from net carbs 63% · protein 27% · fat 10%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin K 11%

Recipe and video: Jill Winger - Old Fashioned on Purpose (@theprairiehomestead) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=FL0Ma_7rcec, published 4 September 2018. 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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