AMERICAN · SIDE · SAUCE

Fermented Ginger Carrot Slaw

20 min · plus 2–7 days fermenting · Makes 12 × ¼ cup (40 g) · 16 kcal a portion
Video 14:48 · Mary's Nest

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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Grated carrot and ginger fermented in their own juice: rich in vitamin A (as beta-carotene) for about 16 kcal and 1 g fibre a ¼-cup serve. It is salty — about 600 mg sodium a serve — so use it as a small topping.

Diet notes: Low carb (2.8 g net carbs) but not keto: 5% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

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- [ ] 8 **carrots**, grated (about 440 g)
- [ ] a 5 cm knob of **fresh ginger**, finely grated
- [ ] 2 tbsp **coarse sea salt** (or 1 tbsp fine sea salt)

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. Grate the carrots on a box grater (or in a food processor) to make about 950 ml, and grate the ginger finely so it spreads evenly. 1:02
2. In a bowl, mix the carrots and ginger with the salt (2 tbsp coarse or 1 tbsp fine sea salt) and pound with a pounder or potato masher, or squeeze with clean hands, for about a minute until the juices run. 1:34
3. Pack into a clean quart (1 litre) jar, pressing down hard until the juice rises over the carrots. Keep a little filtered water on hand to top up if there isn't enough liquid. 6:08
4. Set a glass weight (or a small jelly jar) on top so everything stays under the liquid, and fit an airlock lid — or use a regular lid and loosen it to let gas out once it starts bubbling. 11:27
5. Leave at room temperature for 2–3 days in a warm kitchen (5–7 days if cold). Taste with a clean spoon; when it is tangy enough, put on a storage lid and refrigerate. 11:53

> **Tip** Makes about 480 g, roughly 12 quarter-cup serves (our estimate). Next time, start the batch with 60 ml of this juice and only 1 tbsp coarse salt, as the cook suggests. Good on salads.

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

One portion, ¼ cup (40 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
16 kcal 70 kJ	0.4 g 1% of a day	3.8 g 2.8 g net · 1.8 g sugars 1% of a day	1.1 g 4% of a day	0.1 g 0 g saturated 0% of a day	610 mg 26% of a day

Energy from net carbs 81% · protein 12% · fat 7%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin A 34%

Recipe and video: Mary's Nest (@MarysNest) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=P_X21kezWmY, published 8 May 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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