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Fermented Sugar Snap Peas with Garlic

25 min · plus about 8 days fermenting · Makes 17 × 6 pods (30 g) · 13 kcal a portion

Video 9:51 · Gardener Scott

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Crunchy, tangy pods soured by fermentation, with no vinegar or sugar, at about 13 kcal for six pods. They are salted, at about 160 mg sodium a serve.

Diet notes: Low carb (1.6 g net carbs) but not keto: 4% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

3 · MAKES 17 × 6 PODS (30 G)

- [ ] 500 g (just over 450 g) **sugar snap peas**, tips trimmed
- [ ] a few cloves **garlic** (about 3), peeled
- [ ] 1 tbsp **salt** in 470 ml filtered water, for the brine (about 300 ml fills the jar; the peas take up about 7 g)

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. Warm 470 ml filtered water with 1 tbsp salt in a saucepan just until the salt dissolves (no need to boil), then let the brine cool. 2:07
2. Meanwhile peel a few garlic cloves and snip the tips off just over 500 g sugar snap peas, pulling off any strings. Plumper pods left on the vine a little longer are ideal. 2:49
3. Pack the peas tightly into a clean quart jar, tucking garlic cloves into the gaps, to about 4 cm below the rim. 3:49
4. Pour in the cooled brine to about 2.5 cm below the rim so the peas are covered, then set a glass weight (or a bag filled with brine) on top to keep them under. 5:08
5. Cover with a fermentation lid, or cheesecloth held on with a rubber band, and leave at about 21–24°C for about 8 days; find a cooler spot if it's over 27°C. Cloudy brine and duller colour after 2 days are normal. 6:14
6. Check there's no mould or off smell, lift out the weight, wipe the rim, close with a clean cap and refrigerate. 7:58

> **Tip** Makes 950 ml jar, about 17 six-pod serves (our estimate). You can start eating them before day 8 or leave them a few days longer for more sourness. Eat them like a pickle.

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

One portion, 6 pods (30 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
13 kcal	0.9 g	2.4 g	0.8 g	0.1 g	160 mg
50 kJ	2% of a day	1.6 g net · 1.2 g sugars	3% of a day	0 g saturated	7% of a day
		1% of a day		0% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 59% · protein 33% · fat 8%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 20%

Recipe and video: Gardener Scott (@GardenerScott) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=OnY6QOEkSGY, published 31 July 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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