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Gaeng Som (Thai Sour Curry Soup with Prawns and Papaya)

40 min · Serves 4 · 191 kcal a serve · Video 10:00 · Pailin's Kitchen

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

A light broth cooked without oil and full of vegetables, with prawns and fish giving about 16 g of protein a serve. High in vitamin C from the papaya and cabbage and in vitamin A from the carrot and chillies.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] ¼ oz **dried chillies**, seeds removed (mild guajillo plus a few hotter arbol or Thai chillies)
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**, for the curry paste
- [ ] ⅓ cup chopped **shallots**
- [ ] 3 **garlic** cloves
- [ ] 3 tbsp chopped or shredded **fingerroot** (grachai)
- [ ] 1–1½ tsp **fermented shrimp paste** (gapi)
- [ ] a little **water**, to blend the paste
- [ ] 3 cups **unsalted pork stock** (or chicken or fish stock)
- [ ] **White fish**: 2½ oz cod or other mild white fish, poached and mashed
- [ ] 1–2 tbsp **fish sauce**, plus a touch more to taste
- [ ] 3–4 tbsp **tamarind juice** (concentrate)
- [ ] 2 tbsp chopped **palm sugar**
- [ ] 2 cups thinly sliced **green papaya**
- [ ] 1 medium **carrot**, sliced
- [ ] 1 cup **long beans**, cut into 2-inch pieces
- [ ] 3 cups chopped **napa cabbage**
- [ ] 6 oz **shrimp**, peeled and deveined
- [ ] 1–2 tbsp **lime juice**, to taste

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Crustacea, Fish. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. For the paste, blend the seeded dried chillies, shallots, garlic, fingerroot, salt and shrimp paste with just enough water to make it smooth. 0:50
2. Bring the stock to a simmer and poach the fish until just cooked. Lift it out, mash it finely with a fork or mortar and pestle, and return it to the pot with the curry paste. Bring to a boil. 3:07
3. Season with the fish sauce, palm sugar and tamarind, stirring until the sugar dissolves. 4:36
4. Add the papaya and carrot and simmer for about 8 minutes, until nearly tender, then add the napa cabbage and long beans for 2 minutes more. 6:26
5. Add the shrimp and cook for about 30 seconds, until just pink. Take off the heat, then taste and balance with lime juice and a touch more fish sauce. Serve with jasmine rice. 7:08

> **Tip** Use fish stock to make it pescatarian. For a vegetarian version use vegetable stock, miso instead of shrimp paste, soy sauce for fish sauce and tofu for the seafood. Other vegetables work too.

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

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
191 kcal	**16 g**	**33 g**
800 kJ	31% of a day	28 g net · 21 g sugars
		12% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
5 g	**1.3 g**	**1,780 mg**
18% of a day	0.2 g saturated	77% of a day
	2% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 60% · protein 34% · fat 6%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 74% · Selenium 45% · Vitamin K 35% · Vitamin B12 33% · Vitamin A 31% · Vitamin B6 27% · Folate 26% · Magnesium 22%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 16% · Omega-3 13% · Iron 12% · Vitamin E 12% · Calcium 10% · Zinc 10%

⚠ One serve has about 77% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Pailin's Kitchen (@PailinsKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=LU3dRxuFG1o, published 6 October 2017. 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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