INDIAN · DRINK

# Masala Chaas (Spiced Buttermilk with Ginger and Mint)

15 min · Makes 4 × 1 glass (300 ml) · 81 kcal a portion · Video 14:52 · Chef Ranveer Brar

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A thin, cooling yoghurt drink with no added sugar and only about 80 kcal a glass, with nearly 5 g of protein. Ginger, mint and roasted cumin give it flavour without any sweetener.

**Diet notes:** Low carb (6.5 g net carbs) but not keto: 48% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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## Ingredients

9 · MAKES 4 × 1 GLASS (300 ML)

- [ ] **cumin seeds**, roasted and ground, for the rims and garnish (about ½ tsp a glass)
- [ ] ½ inch **fresh ginger**, peeled and sliced
- [ ] ¼ cup **fresh mint leaves**
- [ ] 10–12 **ice cubes**
- [ ] 2 cups **water**
- [ ] **salt** to taste (about ¾ tsp)
- [ ] 2 cups **curd** (plain yoghurt), beaten
- [ ] **fresh mint** sprigs, to garnish
- [ ] 1 **green chilli**, slit, to garnish (optional)

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

**Contains:** Milk. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

## Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Dry-roast cumin seeds with a pinch of salt in a pan over low heat, patiently, until fragrant and a shade darker, then grind coarsely in a mortar. (Ranveer roasts 2 heaped tbsp and keeps the rest for later.) 6:17
2. Pound ½ inch sliced ginger and ¼ cup mint leaves in the mortar into a rough paste. Leave out coriander, or it starts to taste like mint chutney. 7:33
3. In a jug, stir together 10–12 ice cubes, 2 cups water, salt to taste, the ginger-mint paste and 2 cups beaten curd until thin and watery. If your curd is not sour, add a squeeze of lemon. Chill for a while. 8:00
4. Wet the rims of the glasses and dip them in roasted cumin powder. Pour in the chaas and garnish with a pinch of cumin, a mint sprig and a slit green chilli. 12:28

> **Tip** Ranveer says it serves 2; the batch makes about 5¼ cups, so we count 4 glasses of 1¼ cups. Use the thinner lower part of the curd for chaas and the creamy top for lassi. Left to stand an hour or two, it turns pleasantly sour.

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

## One portion, 1 glass (300 ml), gives you

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| ENERGY | PROTEIN | CARBOHYDRATE | FIBRE | FAT | SODIUM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **81 kcal** | **4.6 g** | **6.8 g** | **0.3 g** | **4.3 g** | **450 mg** |
| 340 kJ | 9% of a day | 6.5 g net · 5.9 g sugars | 1% of a day | 2.6 g saturated | 19% of a day |
| | | 2% of a day | | 6% of a day | |

**Energy from** net carbs 31% · protein 22% · fat 47%

**Source of** (10–19%) Vitamin B12 19% · Calcium 13%

**Recipe and video:** Chef Ranveer Brar (@RanveerBrar) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=2h68dKqskT0, published 9 April 2024. 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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