JAPANESE · LUNCH · DINNER

Goya Champuru (Okinawan Bitter Melon, Tofu and Pork)

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25 min · Serves 2 · 517 kcal a serve

Video 12:41 in Japanese · Koh Kentetsu Kitchen【料理研究家コウケンテツ公式チャンネル】

Dairy-free · Nut-free

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Tofu, pork belly, egg and bitter melon with no sugar at all: about 30 g protein and under 5 g net carbs a serve; rich in selenium.

Diet notes: Keto (4.6 g net carbs a serve); Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce.

Ingredients 9 · SERVES 2

- [ ] 1 block (about 350 g) momen (firm) tofu
- [ ] ½ **goya** (bitter melon), seeds scraped out, sliced 3 mm thick
- [ ] 150 g thinly sliced **pork belly**, cut into bite-size pieces
- [ ] 1 **egg**
- [ ] a little **vegetable oil** (about 2 tsp in all)
- [ ] **salt** to taste (a pinch for each ingredient)
- [ ] ½–1 tbsp **soy sauce**
- [ ] a pinch of **black pepper** (optional)
- [ ] a pinch of **katsuobushi** (bonito flakes), to serve (optional)

Contains: Gluten, Fish, Egg, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Wrap the tofu in a double layer of paper towel and heat it in the microwave to drive off some of its water, so it browns instead of steaming. 1:37
2. Heat a little oil in a frying pan and put in the whole block of tofu, then break it into rough chunks with a spatula. Salt it well and fry until lightly golden, then lift it out. 2:15
3. Cut the ends off the goya, halve it lengthways and scrape out the seeds and pith (leave some if you like it bitter). Slice about 3 mm thick; salt-rub and pat dry first if you want it less bitter. 3:57
4. Add a little more oil to the same pan and stir-fry the pork belly pieces until the fat starts to run, seasoning with a pinch of salt. 5:27
5. Add the goya and stir-fry briefly so it stays crisp and bright, coating it in the pork fat, with a pinch more salt. 6:46
6. Return the tofu, toss everything together, then add soy sauce down the side of the pan for aroma. 7:33
7. Beat the egg with a pinch of salt and pour it over, turn off the heat and fold gently so the egg just sets around everything. Finish with pepper or bonito flakes if you like. 8:19

> **Tip** Serves 2. In Okinawa it is eaten with rice and miso soup; a side of greens keeps the meal lower in carbs. Okinawans often use firm shima-dofu or canned luncheon meat; this version uses fresh pork belly and ordinary firm tofu.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Japanese) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
517 kcal	30 g	6.3 g	1.7 g	43 g	800 mg
2,170 kJ	61% of a day	4.6 g net · 2.4 g sugars	6% of a day	12 g saturated	35% of a day
		2% of a day		55% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 4% · protein 23% · fat 73% — fits keto: 4.6 g net carbs, 73% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 79% · Selenium 59% · Iron 58% · Calcium 49% · Vitamin B12 44% · Zinc 27% · Vitamin C 21%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 17% · Folate 17% · Vitamin B6 15% · Potassium 13% · Vitamin E 10%

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By Notbroken: the method summary, 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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