GREEK · SNACK

Greek Marinated Feta and Olives with Herbs

15 min · plus overnight marinating Makes 5 × about ½ cup (110 g) 264 kcal a portion

Video 4:26 · Dimitra's Dishes

Vegetarian | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

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Olives and feta in olive oil: most of the fat is the monounsaturated kind from the olives and the oil, with about 3 g of net carbs a serve. It is very salty (about 1,300 mg of sodium a serve), so a small bowl goes a long way.

Diet notes: Keto (3.1 g net carbs a serve).

Ingredients

9 · MAKES 5 × ABOUT ½ CUP (110 G)

- [ ] **Olive oil**: 60 ml Greek extra virgin olive oil (or up to 120 ml)
- [ ] 3 **garlic** cloves, peeled and smashed
- [ ] 3–4 sprigs **fresh thyme**
- [ ] 1 sprig **fresh rosemary**
- [ ] 340 g mixed **olives**, such as pitted Kalamata and stuffed green olives
- [ ] a pinch of **crushed red pepper flakes**
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried oregano**
- [ ] 115 g **feta cheese**, cubed
- [ ] 2 tbsp **balsamic vinegar** (or red wine vinegar)

Amounts in metric 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. Warm the olive oil in a skillet over very low heat with the smashed garlic, thyme and rosemary for 4–5 minutes, until fragrant and the garlic is lightly coloured and softening. 1:29
2. Add the olives (watch for splatter), the red pepper flakes and the oregano, and warm through for about 5 minutes. 1:57
3. Take the pan off the heat, add the cubed feta and the balsamic vinegar, and toss gently so everything is coated. Let it cool completely. 2:27
4. Spoon into jars or a container with all the oil and herbs and refrigerate overnight before serving. It keeps up to 2 weeks in the fridge.
5. Bring to room temperature, or warm briefly, before serving.

> **Tip** Keep it in the fridge (garlic in oil should not sit at room temperature). Add capers or sun-dried tomatoes if you like. Serve with raw vegetables or seed crackers; the cook also uses the oil for dipping bread.

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

One portion, about ½ cup (110 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
264 kcal	4.2 g	5.5 g	2.5 g	26 g	1,270 mg
1,110 kJ	8% of a day	3.1 g net · 2.3 g sugars	9% of a day	6.3 g saturated	55% of a day
		2% of a day		34% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 5% · protein 6% · fat 89% — fits keto: 3.1 g net carbs, 89% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin E 29%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B12 16% · Omega-3 14% · Calcium 12%

⚠ One serve has about 55% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Dimitra's Dishes (@DimitrasDishes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=vRlD-JEj0v4, published 1 November 2023. 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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