FRENCH · SAUCE

Homemade Crème Fraîche

5 min · plus 24 h culturing and 24 h chilling | Makes 17 × 2 tbsp (30 g) | 97 kcal a portion

Video 3:40 · Food Wishes

Carnivore | Vegetarian | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

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Just cream and a spoonful of buttermilk — no thickeners or stabilisers. It is rich, about 95 kcal and 10 g fat a 2-tbsp dollop, so use it like sour cream, a spoonful at a time.

Diet notes: Keto (0.9 g net carbs a serve).

Ingredients

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- [ ] 2 cups **heavy whipping cream**
- [ ] 3 tbsp **cultured buttermilk** (with live cultures)

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. Wash a jar thoroughly, then dip it in boiling water for a few minutes to sterilise it and let it cool. 0:24
2. Pour in 2 cups heavy whipping cream and stir in 3 tbsp cultured buttermilk. It must be real buttermilk with live cultures; Chef John doesn't heat the cream first (warming it just speeds things up). 0:32
3. Cover the jar with a coffee filter held on with a rubber band, so it can breathe but stays clean. Leave in a warm spot, about 70–75°F, for about 24 hours until thickened; he uses the oven with only the light on. 1:05
4. Wipe the rim, put the lid on and refrigerate for 24 hours more, where it thickens further and gets tangier. 1:48
5. Keep it in the fridge and use within a week or two. Unlike sour cream it can be simmered in sauces without curdling.

> **Tip** Makes about 2 cups, roughly 17 two-tablespoon serves. Save a few tablespoons to start the next batch instead of buttermilk. Use it on soups, in pan sauces or in stroganoff.

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

One portion, 2 tbsp (30 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
97 kcal 410 kJ	**0.7** g 1% of a day	**0.9** g 0.9 g net · 0.9 g sugars 0% of a day	**0** g 0% of a day	**10** g 6.5 g saturated 13% of a day	**10** mg 1% of a day

Energy from net carbs 4% · protein 3% · fat 93% — fits keto: 0.9 g net carbs, 93% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin A 13%

Recipe and video: Food Wishes (@foodwishes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Z-635txQuig, published 25 March 2011. 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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