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Homemade Greek Yoghurt (Stovetop and Oven Method)

45 min · plus 6 h culturing and 6–8 h straining · Makes 4 × ½ cup (120 g) · 116 kcal a portion

Video 8:11 · Bigger Bolder Baking with Gemma Stafford

Carnivore · Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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Just milk and live cultures, with no added sugar: each ½-cup serve is about 115 kcal with a third of a day's vitamin B12 and only about 5 g carbs.

Diet notes: Low carb (4.8 g net carbs) but not keto: 46% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

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- [ ] 960 ml whole **milk**, scalded, cultured and strained (with the starter it makes about 490 g)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **plain yoghurt** with live active cultures (the starter)

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 950 ml whole milk in a heavy saucepan over low–medium heat, stirring with a wooden spoon so it doesn't catch, until it steams and foams just below a simmer (about 82°C). Hold it there for 5 minutes, stirring; this makes a thicker yoghurt. 0:20
2. Pour into a clean glass bowl and let it cool, stirring now and then and lifting off any skin, to about 38°C, when you can hold a finger in it for 5–10 seconds. 2:11
3. Whisk 2 tbsp plain yoghurt with live active cultures (the starter) with a few spoonfuls of the warm milk, then whisk it into the bowl. Cover with a plate and wrap snugly in tea towels. 3:47
4. Keep it warm and undisturbed for about 6 hours until set: in an oven on its proof setting, or one switched on for 1–2 minutes and then off (warm it again briefly if it cools). 8–12 hours gives a tangier yoghurt. 4:34
5. Line a sieve with 2–4 layers of cheesecloth over a bowl, spoon in the yoghurt and refrigerate for 6–8 hours (Gemma leaves hers up to 24) until thick, then squeeze out the last of the whey. 6:25
6. Spoon into a lidded container and keep in the fridge for up to a week.

> **Tip** Gemma serves it with raspberries and a drizzle of honey. Keep 2 tbsp as the starter for your next batch; use the whey in smoothies or to cook grains. Throw it out if it grows mould, turns grey or smells off.

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

One portion, ½ cup (120 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
116 kcal	**11 g**	**4.8 g**	**0 g**	**6 g**	**40 mg**
490 kJ	21% of a day	4.8 g net · 4.5 g sugars	0% of a day	4.2 g saturated	2% of a day
		2% of a day		8% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 16% · protein 38% · fat 46% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 37% · Selenium 21%

Source of (10–19%) Calcium 10%

Recipe and video: Bigger Bolder Baking with Gemma Stafford (@biggerbolderbaking) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Z2P8kDNoE-g, published 17 April 2025. 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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