JAPANESE · SAUCE

Homemade Ponzu (Japanese Citrus Soy Sauce)

20 min · plus 1–7 days steeping Makes 44 × 2 tbsp 23 kcal a portion

Video 3:21 · Cooking with Chef Dai

Pescatarian · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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Lemon, orange and rice vinegar stretch the soy sauce: 2 tbsp of ponzu have about 22 kcal and 3.5 g of carbs (about 2 g of sugar from the mirin), with a third of the soy of a straight soy dip. Still salty at about 530 mg sodium, so use it for dipping.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce to keep it gluten-free.

Ingredients

9 · MAKES 44 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] **Lemon juice**: juice of 5 large lemons (about 1¼ cups)
- [ ] **Orange juice**: juice of 1 orange (about 3½ tbsp)
- [ ] ¾ cup **mirin**
- [ ] ¾ cup **sake**, flamed off
- [ ] 1⅔ cups **dark soy sauce**
- [ ] ¼ oz **dashi kombu** (strained out)
- [ ] a large handful of **dried bonito flakes** (strained out)
- [ ] ¾ cup **rice vinegar**
- [ ] 3½ tbsp **yuzu seasoning** (or 3½ tbsp more lemon juice)

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Peel the lemons and orange (freeze the peel for another dish), halve them and squeeze the juice into a bowl. Set aside. 0:18
2. Pour the mirin and sake into a saucepan and bring to the boil over high heat, then carefully set it alight to burn off the alcohol. 0:58
3. When the flames die out, add the soy sauce and kombu, bring back to a simmer, then turn off the heat. 1:10
4. Pour into a large bowl and add a big handful of bonito flakes. When cool, stir in the rice vinegar, the squeezed citrus juice and the yuzu seasoning (or extra lemon juice). 1:26
5. Cover and leave in a cool, dark place for at least 24 hours (Chef Dai leaves it about a week). Strain through a sieve lined with muslin or kitchen paper, bottle and keep in the fridge for months. 2:04

> **Tip** Use as a dipping sauce for shabu shabu, sashimi, grilled fish, seared beef or gyoza, or as a quick dressing. Makes about 5½ cups; halve it for a smaller bottle.

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

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
23 kcal	0.9 g	3.6 g	0.1 g	0.1 g	530 mg
90 kJ	2% of a day	3.5 g net · 2.7 g sugars	0% of a day	0 g saturated	23% of a day
		1% of a day		0% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 76% · protein 19% · fat 5%

Recipe and video: Cooking with Chef Dai (@CookingwithChefDai) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=6XEKh4Ubwgc, published 30 April 2016. 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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