JAPANESE · DINNER

Vegetarian Japanese Curry with Homemade Roux

130 min · Serves 4 · 667 kcal a serve · Video 10:26 · Just One Cookbook

Vegetarian · Nut-free

A colourful Japanese curry with eight vegetables and three kinds of mushroom in a homemade roux, with no added sugar: about 13 g fibre a serve and loaded with vitamins A and C.

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Ingredients 25 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 3 tbsp **unsalted butter** (1½ oz), for the roux
- [ ] 4 tbsp **plain flour** (1 oz)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **Japanese curry powder** (6 g)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **garam masala** (6 g)
- [ ] ¼ tsp **cayenne pepper** (optional)
- [ ] 3 tbsp extra **virgin olive oil**, divided
- [ ] 1 **onion** (10 oz), cut into wedges
- [ ] 1 **carrot** (3 oz), cut into chunks
- [ ] 2 **Yukon Gold potatoes** (9 oz), cut into chunks
- [ ] ⅛ **kabocha squash** (5 oz, seeded), cut into chunks
- [ ] 1 tsp grated **ginger**
- [ ] 3 cups **vegetable broth** (3 cups)
- [ ] 1 **bay leaf**
- [ ] 1 **Japanese eggplant** (4 oz), sliced
- [ ] 1 **bell pepper**, half red and half yellow (8 oz), cut into pieces
- [ ] 8 **asparagus spears** (5 oz), cut into lengths
- [ ] 4 **king oyster mushrooms** (5 oz), thickly sliced
- [ ] ½ pack **shimeji mushrooms** (3½ oz), separated
- [ ] 4 **button mushrooms** (2 oz), sliced
- [ ] 1 tbsp **unsalted butter** (½ oz), for the mushrooms
- [ ] **kosher salt**, to taste
- [ ] **freshly ground black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] 1 **apple** (8 oz), grated
- [ ] 1 **tomato** (5 oz), cut into wedges
- [ ] cooked **Japanese short-grain rice**, about 6 oz a serve, to serve

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Make the roux: melt the butter, stir in the flour and cook on low 12–15 minutes, stirring, until chocolate-brown. Stir in the curry powder, garam masala and cayenne, then set aside. 1:13
2. In a Dutch oven, sauté the onion, potatoes, kabocha and carrot in 1 tbsp oil, add the ginger, cover and steam on low 15–20 minutes until nearly tender. 4:05
3. Add the broth and bay leaf, bring to the boil, skim, cook 3 minutes, then turn off the heat. 4:47
4. Meanwhile pan-fry the eggplant in 1 tbsp oil until brown, and sauté the pepper and asparagus in the last 1 tbsp oil 6–7 minutes. Sauté the mushrooms in the butter about 4 minutes. Season each with salt and pepper. 5:19
5. Add the cooked vegetables and mushrooms to the pot, keeping a few colourful pieces for the top. Dissolve the roux in ladles of hot broth and stir it back in; simmer gently until thick. 6:31
6. Grate in the apple, adjust the salt, and add the tomato last. Serve over the rice, topped with the reserved vegetables. 7:21

> **Tip** For a vegan version, use plant butter or oil in the roux and for the mushrooms, as the cook suggests. Leftover curry keeps about 3 days in the fridge.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
667 kcal	**14 g**	**105 g**
2,790 kJ	28% of a day	92 g net · 19 g sugars
		38% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
13 g	**23 g**	**880 mg**
46% of a day	8.8 g saturated	38% of a day
	30% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 58% · protein 9% · fat 33%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 110% · Vitamin A 66% · Vitamin B6 52% · Selenium 46% · Vitamin E 33% · Vitamin K 32% · Folate 31% · Potassium 30% · Magnesium 26% · Zinc 24% · Iron 22%

Source of (10–19%) Omega-3 12%

Recipe and video: Just One Cookbook (@justonecookbook) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Psol_n4xRTk, published 13 February 2020. 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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