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Frijoles de la Olla (Mexican Pot Beans)

135 min · Serves 2 · 371 kcal a serve · Video 3:06 · Jauja Cocina Mexicana

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Pinto beans give about 23 g of plant protein and 17 g of fibre a serve, with most of a day's folate and a third of a day's iron, cooked with just onion, garlic and a drizzle of oil.

Diet notes: Vegan with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the chicken bouillon powder; Vegetarian with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the chicken bouillon powder; Gluten-free with a swap: Naturally gluten-free; check the label if you season with a bouillon cube.

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Ingredients 6 · SERVES 2

- [ ] ½ lb **dried pinto beans**, soaked for several hours and drained
- [ ] 6–8 cups **water**, simmered down to a thick, brothy pot
- [ ] 1 **very small onion**, halved
- [ ] 3 **garlic** cloves, whole
- [ ] a drizzle of **oil** (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **chicken bouillon powder** (or salt), to taste, added only at the end

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Soak the pinto beans for several hours (not much longer, or they can start to ferment), then drain and discard the soaking water. 0:22
2. Bring a pot of water to the boil, then add the beans, the halved onion, the whole garlic cloves and a drizzle of oil. 0:49
3. Lower the heat, cover and simmer gently for 1½–2 hours, checking now and then and topping up with hot water so the beans stay covered. Don't salt yet: salting early keeps the skins tough. 1:15
4. When the beans are soft and the broth has thickened, season with salt or a little bouillon and simmer 5–10 minutes more. Taste, adjust and serve in their broth. 1:58

> **Tip** Soak the beans for several hours first (not included in the time). Season with salt instead of chicken bouillon to keep it vegetarian. Freeze portions in their broth; leftovers make refried beans.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
371 kcal 1,550 kJ	23 g 47% of a day	64 g 47 g net · 2.3 g sugars 23% of a day	17 g 62% of a day	3.6 g 0.4 g saturated 5% of a day	1,170 mg 51% of a day

Energy from net carbs 61% · protein 29% · fat 10%

High in (20%+ of a day) Folate 86% · Omega-3 40% · Iron 33% · Magnesium 27% · Zinc 25% · Potassium 24% · Vitamin B6 24% · Vitamin K 20%

⚠ One serve has about 51% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Jauja Cocina Mexicana (@JaujaCocinaMexicana) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=-2FtiXG9XHs, published 21 April 2014. 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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