AMERICAN · DESSERT

Lemon Bars with Almond Shortbread Crust

45 min · plus 1–2 hours chilling Makes 9 × 1 bar 201 kcal a portion

Video 4:56 · Joe Duff - The Diet Chef

Vegetarian Gluten-free ingredients

Sweetened with erythritol instead of sugar: about 3 g net carbs a bar. Almond flour in both the crust and the filling gives about 40% of a day's vitamin E.

Diet notes: Keto (3 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

12 · MAKES 9 × 1 BAR

- [ ] 3 tbsp (1½ oz) **salted butter**, melted, for the crust
- [ ] 1 large **egg yolk**, for the crust
- [ ] 1/2 tsp **vanilla extract**
- [ ] 3½ oz (just under 1 cup) **blanched almond flour**, for the crust
- [ ] 3 heaped tbsp (1 oz) **confectioners Swerve** (erythritol), for the crust
- [ ] a little **baking spray**, for the parchment
- [ ] 3 large **eggs**, for the filling
- [ ] **Lemon juice**: juice of 3 medium lemons (3–3 oz)
- [ ] **lemon zest**, from 1/2 lemon
- [ ] 2/3 cup **confectioners Swerve** (erythritol), for the filling
- [ ] 3½ oz (just under 1 cup) **blanched almond flour**, for the filling
- [ ] **confectioners Swerve**, sifted over to serve

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

Contains: Egg, Milk, Tree nuts. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the oven to 350°F. Line an 8 inch square dish with parchment and give it a light coat of baking spray. 1:53
2. Whisk the melted butter, egg yolk and vanilla, then mix in 3½ oz almond flour and 1 oz confectioners Swerve until crumbly. Press evenly over the base of the dish and bake about 10 minutes. 0:36
3. Meanwhile, whisk the 3 eggs with the strained lemon juice and the zest. Add 3½ oz Swerve and 3½ oz almond flour and mix until smooth and creamy. 2:24
4. Let the crust cool a few minutes, pour over the filling and bake about 20 minutes more, until the edges just pull away from the parchment and the middle is very slightly jiggly. 3:46
5. Cool, then chill 1–2 hours. Sift a little confectioners Swerve over the top and cut into 9 bars. 4:10

> **Tip** Strain the lemon juice to catch the seeds. The cook also links Lakanto confectioners monk fruit as a sweetener. Store the bars covered in the fridge.

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

One portion (1 bar) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
201 kcal 840 kJ	**7.3** g 15% of a day	**5.9** g 3 g net · 1.5 g sugars 2% of a day	**2.9** g 10% of a day	**18** g 4 g saturated 22% of a day	**50** mg 2% of a day

Energy from net carbs 6% · protein 14% · fat 80% — fits keto: 3 g net carbs, 80% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin E 41%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 15% · Selenium 13% · Vitamin B12 10%

Recipe and video: Joe Duff - The Diet Chef (@TheDietChef) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=agCS9tqXZYk, published 30 June 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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