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Oven Pork Carnitas with Lemon and Spices

245 min · Serves 5 · 668 kcal a serve · Video 8:46 · HK's Keto & Low Carb Recipes

Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

Slow-roasted pork shoulder in its own fat with lemon and spices: a high-protein, near-zero-carb main (about 2 g net carbs a serve) with no added sugar, unlike carnitas made with cola or orange juice.

Diet notes: Keto (2 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients 10 · SERVES 5

- [ ] 3¼ lb **boneless pork shoulder** (skin on or off), cut into large even chunks
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**
- [ ] 1 tsp **freshly cracked black pepper**
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 1/2 tsp **five-spice powder**
- [ ] 1/2 tsp **cayenne pepper**
- [ ] 2 **cinnamon** sticks (removed before serving)
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves**, broken (removed before serving)
- [ ] 5 **garlic** cloves, peeled and left whole
- [ ] **Lemon juice**: zest and juice of 1 lemon

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

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the oven to 285°F. Cut the pork shoulder into large chunks of about the same size; leave the skin on or take it off, as you prefer. 1:36
2. Put the pork in a roasting tray with the salt, pepper, cumin, five-spice, cayenne, cinnamon sticks, bay leaves, garlic, lemon zest and lemon juice, and toss until every piece is coated. 2:17
3. Cover the tray tightly with foil and roast for 3½–4 hours, until the meat is very tender. 3:34
4. Lift the pork out with a slotted spoon. Strain the tray juices into a jar and let them settle into a fat layer on top and juices below. Discard the cinnamon and bay leaves. 4:13
5. Return the pork to the tray, spoon some of the fat over it and grill (broil) on high for about 15 minutes, until crusty at the edges. 4:54
6. Pour a little of the juices over, pull the meat apart with two forks and serve. 5:52

> **Tip** Serve in lettuce cups or keto tortillas with guacamole. Keeps 4 days in the fridge and freezes well; crisp leftovers in a hot pan. Orange juice instead of lemon adds sugar.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 5 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
668 kcal	**53** g	**2.5** g	**0.5** g	**48** g	**620** mg
2,790 kJ	106% of a day	2 g net · 0.3 g sugars	2% of a day	18 g saturated	27% of a day
		1% of a day		62% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 33% · fat 66% — fits keto: 2 g net carbs, 66% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 138% · Zinc 77% · Vitamin B12 75% · Vitamin B6 41%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 19% · Potassium 17% · Vitamin D 17% · Magnesium 11% · Omega-3 10%

Recipe and video: HK's Keto & Low Carb Recipes (@HKKetoRecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=G9GHpwP19cs, published 3 October 2018. 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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