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Keto Pecan Turtles with Sugar-Free Caramel

45 min · plus 1½–2 hours setting Makes 24 × 1 turtle 106 kcal a portion

Video 6:48 · All Day I Dream About Food

Vegetarian Gluten-free ingredients

Toasted pecans with a butter-and-cream caramel sweetened with allulose and brown erythritol, plus sugar-free chocolate: about 1.5 g net carbs and under ½ g sugar a turtle.

Diet notes: Keto (1.5 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

9 · MAKES 24 × 1 TURTLE

- [ ] ¼ cup **unsalted butter**, for the caramel
- [ ] ¼ cup **brown erythritol sweetener** (Swerve Brown)
- [ ] ¼ cup **allulose**
- [ ] ⅓ cup **heavy whipping cream**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **xanthan gum**
- [ ] 2 cups **pecan halves**
- [ ] 4 oz **sugar-free dark chocolate**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **butter**, for the chocolate
- [ ] a pinch of **flaky sea salt**, to top (optional)

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Melt the butter, brown sweetener and allulose in a saucepan over medium heat, whisking. Bring to a boil and cook about 2 minutes, whisking often, until it darkens and starts to thicken. 0:31
2. Take the pan off the heat and whisk in the cream (it bubbles up). When the bubbling settles, tap in the xanthan gum a little at a time while whisking so it doesn't clump. 1:19
3. Return to a boil for 1 more minute, then set the caramel aside to cool until thick but still pourable — up to 40 minutes. 1:55
4. Meanwhile spread the pecans in a single layer on a lined baking sheet and toast at 350°F for 5–10 minutes, watching closely. Let them cool. 2:30
5. Arrange the pecans in about 24 little star-shaped clusters of 3–4 halves each. 3:09
6. Drizzle about 2 tsp of caramel over each cluster so every pecan is coated (rewarm the caramel briefly if it gets too thick). Freeze about 1 hour to set. 4:14
7. Melt the chocolate with 1 tbsp butter in a bowl over barely simmering water, stirring until just smooth. 5:02
8. Dab a spoonful of chocolate on each turtle, sprinkle with flaky salt if you like, and chill 30–60 minutes until set. 5:30

> **Tip** Using both sweeteners matters: brown erythritol alone recrystallises, while allulose keeps the caramel soft and gooey. Store the turtles in the fridge.

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

One portion (1 turtle) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
106 kcal	1.2 g	4 g	2.5 g	11 g	20 mg
440 kJ	2% of a day	1.5 g net · 0.4 g sugars	9% of a day	3.6 g saturated	1% of a day
		1% of a day		14% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 5% · protein 4% · fat 91% — fits keto: 1.5 g net carbs, 91% of the energy from fat

Recipe and video: All Day I Dream About Food (@AllDayIDreamAboutFood) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=07Mx2YMYoQ8, published 6 July 2023. 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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