KOREAN · SIDE · SAUCE

Kkakdugi (Cubed Radish Kimchi)

50 min · plus 1–2 days fermenting | Makes 40 × ¼ cup (50 g) | 16 kcal a portion

Video 5:44 · Maangchi

Pescatarian | Gluten-free ingredients | Dairy-free | Nut-free

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A crunchy, very low-calorie side: about 15 kcal and 1 g fibre a ¼-cup serve, naturally soured by lactic-acid fermentation rather than vinegar. It is salty (about 380 mg sodium a serve), so keep portions small.

Diet notes: Low carb (2.3 g net carbs) but not keto: 13% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

8 · MAKES 40 × ¼ CUP (50 G)

- [ ] 4 pounds **Korean radish** (or daikon), peeled and cut into ¾–1 inch cubes
- [ ] 2 tbsp **kosher salt**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **sugar**
- [ ] 2 tbsp minced **garlic** (5 or 6 cloves)
- [ ] 4 **green onions**, chopped
- [ ] 1 tsp minced **ginger**
- [ ] ⅔ cup **gochugaru** (Korean hot pepper flakes)
- [ ] ¼ cup **fish sauce**

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Peel the radish, rinse it in cold water and pat it dry. Cut it into ¾–1 inch thick discs, then into cubes, and put them in a large bowl. 0:56
2. Mix in the 2 tbsp kosher salt and 2 tbsp sugar and leave for 30 minutes, turning the cubes every 10 minutes as they release their juice. 1:53
3. Drain the juice into a small bowl and keep ⅓ cup of it. Add the garlic, green onions, ginger, hot pepper flakes, fish sauce and the ⅓ cup juice to the radish and mix until every cube is red and juicy. 2:28
4. Pack into a glass jar, pressing down firmly so there is no air between the cubes and they sit in their own juices, then close the lid. 4:07
5. Leave at room temperature for 1–2 days until it bubbles and smells sour (sooner in a warm room), then keep it in the fridge. You can also eat it fresh and refrigerate it straight away. 4:39

> **Tip** Makes about 4½ lb, roughly 40 quarter-cup serves (our estimate). For a vegetarian version use soy sauce instead of fish sauce; use ¼ cup pepper flakes for a milder batch. Keep it in the fridge once sour.

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

One portion, ¼ cup (50 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
16 kcal	0.6 g	3.5 g	1.2 g	0.2 g	380 mg
70 kJ	1% of a day	2.3 g net · 2 g sugars	4% of a day	0 g saturated	17% of a day
		1% of a day		0% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 69% · protein 18% · fat 13%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin C 11%

Recipe and video: Maangchi (@Maangchi) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=z5NXchQKy-s, published 1 August 2011. 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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