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# Kongguksu (Korean Cold Soy Milk Noodle Soup)

45 min · Serves 2 · 712 kcal a serve · Video 12:48 · Maangchi

Vegetarian · Dairy-free

The broth is homemade soy milk blended with sesame and pine nuts; with the noodles and egg, each bowl has about 37 g of protein and 8 g of fibre, and it is rich in iron, magnesium and zinc.

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## Ingredients 11 · SERVES 2

- [ ] ½ cup **dried soybeans**, soaked overnight
- [ ] about ½ cup of the **bean cooking water**
- [ ] 3 cups **cold water**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **toasted sesame seeds**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **pine nuts**
- [ ] 8 oz **somyeon** (thin wheat noodles)
- [ ] 1½ tsp **kosher salt**, or to taste
- [ ] 1 **hard-boiled egg**, cut into pieces
- [ ] ½ cup **cucumber matchsticks**
- [ ] 1 small **tomato**, sliced
- [ ] 5–6 **ice cubes** (optional)

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

**Contains:** Gluten, Egg, Tree nuts, Sesame, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

## Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Wash the dried soybeans and soak them in plenty of water for 5 hours to overnight, until doubled in size. Drain. 0:51
2. Boil the beans in 2 cups water, uncovered, over medium-high heat for 15 minutes (it foams, so stir now and then). Cover and simmer on very low for 5 minutes, then drain, keeping the cooking water, and let cool. 1:48
3. Blend the beans with about ½ cup of their cooking water, 3 cups cold water, the pine nuts and sesame seeds on high for 1–2 minutes until completely smooth. Chill. 4:35
4. Cook the somyeon in plenty of boiling water for 2–3 minutes, then rinse well under cold water, rubbing the noodles until cold. Divide between two bowls. 7:16
5. Just before serving, stir the salt into the cold soy milk and pour it over the noodles. Top with cucumber, egg, tomato and a few ice cubes if you like. 9:03

> **Tip** Time excludes the overnight soak. Maangchi serves it with kimchi and cucumber dipped in ssamjang. The soy milk keeps 24 hours in the fridge; salt it just before serving. Skip the egg for a vegan bowl.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 712 kcal | 37 g | 93 g | 8.4 g | 23 g | 1,650 mg |
| 2,980 kJ | 74% of a day | 84 g net · 5.4 g sugars | 30% of a day | 3.4 g saturated | 72% of a day |
| | | 34% of a day | | 30% of a day | |

**Energy from** net carbs 49% · protein 21% · fat 30%

**High in** (20%+ of a day) Iron 51% · Omega-3 45% · Magnesium 39% · Selenium 34% · Zinc 32% · Vitamin K 28% · Vitamin B6 25% · Folate 23%

**Source of** (10–19%) Potassium 19% · Calcium 19% · Vitamin E 11% · Vitamin B12 11% · Vitamin C 10%

⚠ One serve has about 72% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

**Recipe and video:** Maangchi (@Maangchi) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=IC5gidi5CJk, published 21 August 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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