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Kongnamul-guk (Korean Soybean Sprout Soup)

40 min | Serves 4 | 120 kcal a serve | Video 9:55 · Maangchi

Dairy-free | Nut-free

A light everyday soup that is almost all sprouts, vegetables and broth, at about 110 kcal and under 1 g of saturated fat a bowl. The sprouts add crunch, vitamin C and folate, and it uses only 2 teaspoons of oil for four bowls.

Diet notes: Vegan if you leave out the anchovy broth and fish sauce; Vegetarian with a swap for the anchovy broth and fish sauce; Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce, and check your fish sauce is gluten-free.

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Ingredients 11 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1 lb **soybean sprouts**, washed
- [ ] **anchovy broth** (8 cups water simmered with 8 large dried anchovies in a soup pouch), or vegetable stock instead
- [ ] 1 tbsp **soy sauce**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **fish sauce** (or salt, for a vegetarian version)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **Korean hot pepper flakes** (gochugaru)
- [ ] ½ medium **onion** (about 4 oz), sliced
- [ ] 4 **garlic** cloves, minced
- [ ] 2 large **green onions**, chopped
- [ ] 2 tbsp **toasted sesame seeds**, finely ground, sprinkled over each bowl
- [ ] 2 tsp **sesame oil**
- [ ] 2 tsp **kosher salt**, or to taste

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Swish the sprouts in a big bowl of water, lifting them out by the handful, and change the water a couple of times. Pick out any dark or dead beans, then put the sprouts in a pot. 1:31
2. Add the water, the cleaned anchovies (heads and guts removed) in a soup pouch, soy sauce, fish sauce, gochugaru, sliced onion and minced garlic. 2:36
3. Cover and cook over medium-high heat for 30 minutes. If it starts to boil over, crack the lid. 4:58
4. Meanwhile chop the green onions and grind the toasted sesame seeds finely. 5:48
5. Lift out the anchovy pouch, stir in the salt and green onion and cook 1 minute more. Turn off the heat and stir in the sesame oil. 6:38
6. Ladle into bowls, sprinkle the ground sesame over each, and serve hot with a bowl of rice and kimchi or kkakdugi. 8:27

> **Tip** Serves 3–4. Start with 1 tsp salt and add more to taste, as soy and fish sauce are salty too. For a vegetarian soup, use vegetable stock instead of the anchovies and salt instead of fish sauce. Keeps 4 days chilled.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
120 kcal	**7.2** g	**15** g	**4.1** g	**5.2** g	**1,720** mg
500 kJ	14% of a day	11 g net · 6.5 g sugars	14% of a day	0.7 g saturated	75% of a day
		5% of a day		7% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 37% · protein 24% · fat 39%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 54% · Folate 24% · Vitamin C 23%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 19% · Vitamin B6 16% · Iron 14% · Potassium 13% · Zinc 10%

⚠ One serve has about 75% 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=0q8LU70IRn8, published 3 December 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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