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Kukhura ko Masu (Nepali Chicken Curry)

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45 min · Serves 4 · 442 kcal a serve · Video 5:57 in Nepali · Rita's Kitchen

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

Chicken braised in onion, tomato and fresh spices with only 2 tbsp oil: about 38 g protein and 12 g net carbs a serve, with over half a day's selenium.

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Ingredients 18 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1 tbsp **garlic-ginger paste** (fresh garlic and ginger, smashed)
- [ ] 3 medium **onions**, very finely chopped
- [ ] 2 **green chillies**, chopped
- [ ] 2 tbsp **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 4 **green cardamom pods**
- [ ] 4 **cloves**
- [ ] 8–10 **black peppercorns**
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves**
- [ ] 2¼ lb whole **chicken**, cut in curry pieces
- [ ] 1 tbsp **ground coriander**
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 2 tsp **chilli powder** (1 tsp red, 1 tsp Kashmiri)
- [ ] 1 tsp **garam masala**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground turmeric** (besar)
- [ ] 2 medium **tomatoes**, finely chopped
- [ ] 3 tsp **salt** (or to taste)
- [ ] 1 cup **water**
- [ ] a handful of **fresh coriander**

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. Smash the garlic and ginger to a paste in a mortar and chop the onions very finely. 1:40
2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the cardamom, cloves, peppercorns and bay leaves for 1–2 minutes. 2:08
3. Add the onions and the chopped green chillies and fry for 5–7 minutes until soft and light brown. 2:28
4. Add the chicken and fry for 5–7 minutes until it changes colour, then cover and cook 3–4 minutes more. 2:50
5. Add the garlic-ginger paste and fry 2–3 minutes, then add the coriander, cumin, chilli powders, garam masala and turmeric and fry for 1–2 minutes without letting them burn. 3:25
6. Add the tomatoes and the salt, cover and cook until the tomatoes break down into the gravy. 4:01
7. For more gravy, pour in 1 cup water and bring to one boil. Turn off the heat and scatter over the coriander. 4:40

> **Tip** Serves 4 (our estimate for a 2¼ lb chicken). The cook uses 3 tsp salt; start with less. Eaten in Nepal with beaten rice (chiura), puffed rice or steamed rice; cauliflower rice keeps it lower in carbs.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Nepali) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
442 kcal 1,850 kJ	**38** g 75% of a day	**17** g 12 g net · 6.7 g sugars 6% of a day	**4.5** g 16% of a day	**25** g 5.4 g saturated 32% of a day	**1,860** mg 81% of a day

Energy from net carbs 11% · protein 36% · fat 53% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 59% · Omega-3 47% · Vitamin B6 46% · Zinc 28% · Vitamin C 24% · Vitamin K 21%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 19% · Vitamin E 17% · Vitamin B12 16% · Potassium 15% · Magnesium 15% · Vitamin A 14% · Folate 10%

⚠ One serve has about 81% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Rita's Kitchen (@ritaskitchen79) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=xclMt19Q82M, published 30 January 2019. 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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