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Lacto-Fermented Pico de Gallo Salsa

25 min · plus 24 hours fermenting | Makes 13 × ¼ cup (60 g) | 17 kcal a portion

Video 9:40 · Clean Food Living

Vegan | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

A raw, chunky salsa of tomato, corn, capsicum, onion and coriander — about 17 kcal a ¼-cup serve, with some vitamin C and no oil or sugar. A day of fermenting adds tang; the salt makes it about 360 mg sodium a serve.

Diet notes: Low carb (3 g net carbs) but not keto: 11% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 3 cups diced **ripe tomatoes**, with their juice
- [ ] 1 cup chopped fresh coriander (cilantro) leaves
- [ ] ⅓ cup diced **green capsicum** (bell pepper), or 1 jalapeño for heat
- [ ] 1 **fresh corn cob**, kernels cut off
- [ ] ⅓ cup chopped **onion**
- [ ] **Lime juice**: juice of 1 lime
- [ ] 1 tbsp **coarse sea salt** (½ oz), or ½ tbsp fine salt (8 g)

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. Dice the tomatoes, cutting out the cores and any blemished skin, and put 3 cups in a bowl with all the juice from the board. 2:12
2. Add the chopped coriander leaves, diced capsicum (or jalapeño), corn kernels, onion and the juice of the lime, and toss well. 3:29
3. Pack the salsa into a clean quart (4¼ cups) jar a little at a time, pressing gently with your hand or a tamper so the air comes out and the juice rises over the vegetables. Pour in the juice left in the bowl. 6:05
4. Sprinkle the salt on top (½ oz coarse or 8 g fine) and push it under the liquid. Set a fermenting weight on top so everything stays under the juice, then cover with a coffee filter held on with a jar ring. 6:44
5. Leave on the counter for 24 hours, then remove the weight, close the lid and refrigerate. Eat within 3–5 days. 8:07

> **Tip** Makes about 1¾ lb, roughly 13 quarter-cup serves (our estimate). Frozen corn works if fresh isn't in season. The cook found 24 hours gives the best flavour and texture — longer softens the tomatoes.

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

One portion, ¼ cup (60 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
17 kcal	**0.7** g	**3.9** g	**0.8** g	**0.2** g	**360** mg
70 kJ	1% of a day	3 g net · 1.7 g sugars	3% of a day	0 g saturated	16% of a day
		1% of a day		0% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 72% · protein 17% · fat 11%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin C 12%

Recipe and video: Clean Food Living (@CleanFoodLiving) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=D42QGPBqs5c, published 7 October 2021. 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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