PAKISTANI · LUNCH · DINNER

Lahori Black Lentil Daal

50 min · Serves 5 · 264 kcal a serve · Video 3:09 · Food Fusion

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Whole black lentils keep their skins, so each serve carries about 11 g of fibre and 13 g of plant protein, and is rich in folate and iron. The only fat is the tarka oil and a little milk; no cream or butter.

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Ingredients 14 · SERVES 5

- [ ] 9 oz whole **black masoor** (sabut kali masoor), soaked 15 min
- [ ] 2–3 cups **water**, for simmering
- [ ] ½ tsp **turmeric powder**
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**, or to taste
- [ ] 1 tbsp **crushed garlic**, in two lots (½ tbsp in the daal, ½ tbsp in the tarka)
- [ ] ½ cup **milk**
- [ ] 1 tsp **red chilli powder**
- [ ] ½ tsp **garam masala**
- [ ] 3–4 tbsp **oil** (cooking oil), for the tarka
- [ ] 1 medium **onion**, chopped
- [ ] ½ tbsp **cumin seeds**
- [ ] 2 **green chillies**
- [ ] 9–10 **fresh curry leaves**
- [ ] a squeeze of **lemon juice** (about 1 tbsp), to finish

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Rinse the whole black lentils, cover with water and soak for 15 minutes, then drain. 0:11
2. Put the lentils in a pot with 2–3 cups of water, the turmeric, salt and half the crushed garlic. Bring to the boil, partly cover and simmer on low for 20–25 minutes until tender. 0:29
3. Stir in the milk, red chilli powder and garam masala and cook for another 4–5 minutes. 1:09
4. For the tarka, heat the oil in a small frying pan and fry the chopped onion until translucent. Add the remaining garlic, then the cumin seeds and green chillies and cook for 30 seconds. 1:32
5. Add the curry leaves and mix, then pour the sizzling tarka over the daal and stir it through. 2:09
6. Finish with a squeeze of lemon juice and serve hot. 2:41

> **Tip** Use 3 tbsp of oil for a lighter tarka. Serve with rice or roti. The daal freezes well; reheat with a splash of water and make the tarka fresh. Swap the milk for unsweetened soy milk to make it vegan.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 5 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
264 kcal	**13** g	**31** g	**11** g	**11** g	**480** mg
1,110 kJ	25% of a day	20 g net · 5 g sugars 11% of a day	39% of a day	1.3 g saturated 14% of a day	21% of a day

Energy from net carbs 35% · protein 23% · fat 42%

High in (20%+ of a day) Folate 59% · Omega-3 58% · Iron 28%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B6 19% · Zinc 17% · Vitamin E 14% · Magnesium 13% · Potassium 12%

Recipe and video: Food Fusion (@FoodfusionPk) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=GKNNDG6WwP8, published 7 November 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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