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Bissara (Moroccan Split Pea Soup)

55 min · Serves 6 · 399 kcal a serve · Video 3:52 · Kuzina With Simo

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Split peas give each bowl about 18 g of fibre and 18 g of plant protein, and the fat is olive oil. Vegan and made from cheap pantry staples.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 500 g **green split peas**, washed
- [ ] 4–8 **garlic** cloves, smashed (the cook uses 8)
- [ ] 6 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 1½ tbsp **cumin**
- [ ] 2 tsp **salt** (⅔ tbsp)
- [ ] ½ tsp **black pepper**
- [ ] 1.5 litres **water**, plus 250 ml hot water for blending
- [ ] a drizzle of **olive oil** (about 1 tbsp), to serve
- [ ] a pinch of **cumin** (about ½ tsp), to serve
- [ ] a pinch of **chilli powder** (about ½ tsp), to serve

Amounts in metric 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. Wash and drain the split peas. Smash the garlic cloves with the flat of a big knife; no need to chop them. 1:07
2. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat and brown the garlic lightly. 1:30
3. Add the cumin, salt and pepper, then the split peas and 1.5 litres of water. Raise the heat to medium-high, cover and cook for 40–45 minutes, stirring now and then so nothing sticks, until the peas fall apart. 1:50
4. Add 240 ml of hot water and blend until smooth. Add more water for a thinner soup, or simmer a little longer to thicken it. 2:45
5. Serve with a drizzle of olive oil and a pinch each of cumin and chilli powder, with bread and black olives on the side. 3:02

> **Tip** Serves about 6 (our estimate). Dried fava beans, or half fava and half split peas, are just as traditional. It thickens as it stands; loosen with hot water when reheating.

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

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
399 kcal	18 g	46 g	18 g	17 g	780 mg
1,670 kJ	36% of a day	29 g net · 6.1 g sugars	63% of a day	2.4 g saturated	34% of a day
		17% of a day		22% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 34% · protein 21% · fat 45%

High in (20%+ of a day) Folate 34% · Iron 23% · Magnesium 20% · Zinc 20%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 17% · Vitamin K 17% · Vitamin E 16% · Omega-3 12% · Vitamin B6 10%

Recipe and video: Kuzina With Simo (@KuzinaWithSimo) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=6LYT7U2KUZg, published 7 December 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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