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Moroccan Kefta Tagine (Meatballs in Tomato Sauce)

طاجين الكفتة بصلصة الطماطم

40 min · Serves 4 · 507 kcal a serve · Video 5:00 in Arabic · Chef Nadia الشيف نادية

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

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About 39 g protein and 8.5 g net carbs a serve: beef meatballs simmered in a fresh tomato and onion sauce, with no flour or breadcrumbs.

Diet notes: Low carb (8.5 g net carbs) but not keto: 60% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients 13 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1¾ lb minced **beef** (kefta)
- [ ] 3 large **tomatoes**, cut into small cubes
- [ ] 1 medium **onion**, finely diced
- [ ] 2 tbsp **tomato paste**
- [ ] 3 tbsp chopped **flat-leaf parsley**
- [ ] 1½ tbsp (about 1½ tbsp) **olive oil** (half of ½ small glass of mixed oils)
- [ ] 1½ tbsp (about 1½ tbsp) **vegetable oil** (the other half of the oil mix)
- [ ] about ½ cup **water** (1 small glass)
- [ ] 1 tsp **sweet paprika** (tahmira)
- [ ] 1 tsp **black pepper** (lebzar)
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground ginger** (skinjbir)
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**

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. Heat the mixed oils in a tagine or wide pan and fry the diced onion until soft. 1:00
2. Meanwhile, mix the mince with half of all the spices and half the parsley until well combined. 1:18
3. Spread the diced tomatoes over the onions. 2:10
4. Dissolve the tomato paste in the water and pour it over, add the remaining parsley (keep a spoonful for garnish) and the rest of the spices, and stir. 2:24
5. Cover and simmer 10 minutes over medium heat, stirring now and then, while you roll the meat into small, even balls. 3:32
6. Arrange the meatballs over the sauce, cover and cook on low heat for 15 minutes. Scatter with the reserved parsley. 4:24

> **Tip** Moroccans scoop it up with khobz bread; a crisp salad or roast vegetables keep it low-carb. Many cooks crack 4 eggs into the sauce for the last 5 minutes. Serves 4 is our estimate.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
507 kcal	39 g	12 g	3.1 g	34 g	700 mg
2,120 kJ	78% of a day	8.5 g net · 6.2 g sugars	11% of a day	9.6 g saturated	30% of a day
		4% of a day		43% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 7% · protein 31% · fat 62% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 155% · Zinc 85% · Vitamin K 60% · Selenium 57% · Omega-3 46% · Vitamin B6 43% · Vitamin C 30% · Iron 29% · Vitamin E 22% · Potassium 20%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 14% · Folate 12% · Vitamin A 10%

Recipe and video: Chef Nadia الشيف نادية (@Chefnadia1) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=jwAYdxnSjD0, published 2 June 2014. 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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