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Muhammara (Syrian Red Pepper and Walnut Dip)

60 min · Serves 8 · 200 kcal a serve · Video 7:15 · Middle Eats

Vegan

Roasted red peppers and walnuts make a vegan dip rich in vitamin C and plant omega-3, and most of its fat is the unsaturated kind from walnuts and olive oil.

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Ingredients 13 · SERVES 8

- [ ] 9 oz **roasted red pepper flesh** (from about 3–4 red capsicums), skinned and seeded
- [ ] ½ **onion**, charred with the peppers
- [ ] 2 oz **walnuts**, toasted
- [ ] 2 oz **fine breadcrumbs**, toasted
- [ ] 4 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 4 tbsp **pomegranate molasses**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **tahini**
- [ ] 1 tsp **Aleppo pepper** (or other chilli flakes)
- [ ] ¾ tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**
- [ ] a drizzle of **olive oil**, to garnish
- [ ] a few chopped **walnuts**, to garnish
- [ ] a sprig of **mint**, to garnish

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

Contains: Gluten, Tree nuts, Sesame. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Toast the walnuts in a dry pan over medium heat, stirring, for about 5 minutes until they smell toasty; tip out. Toast the breadcrumbs in the same pan for about 5 minutes until a few shades darker. 3:23
2. Put the peppers (stalks trimmed) and a halved onion on a rack over a foil-lined tray and grill (broil) on medium about 8 minutes a side, turning until charred all over and soft. 1:16
3. Pile the hot peppers and onion into a bowl, cover tightly with plastic wrap and leave 15 minutes. Peel off the skins and remove cores and seeds (don't rinse them). Weigh 9 oz pepper flesh and keep half the onion. 2:19
4. Put the walnuts, breadcrumbs, pepper, onion, olive oil, pomegranate molasses, tahini, Aleppo pepper, cumin and salt in a food processor. Blend 1–2 minutes, scraping down the sides, until it looks like a red pesto. 4:06
5. Pile into a bowl, swirl a well in the centre with the back of a spoon, drizzle with olive oil and top with chopped walnuts, a pinch of Aleppo pepper and a sprig of mint. 5:33

> **Tip** Serves about 8 as a dip (our estimate). Eat with flatbread or raw vegetables. For the Lebanese version, stir in 2 tbsp tomato paste and ½ tsp sumac. Keeps 4–5 days in the fridge.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
200 kcal 840 kJ	**3.4** g 7% of a day	**16** g 14 g net · 6.3 g sugars 6% of a day	**2.5** g 9% of a day	**14** g 1.8 g saturated 19% of a day	**350** mg 15% of a day

Energy from net carbs 29% · protein 7% · fat 64%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 53% · Vitamin C 46%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 11% · Vitamin B6 10%

Recipe and video: Middle Eats (@MiddleEats) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=FetbU_N8rk8, published 22 November 2020. 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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