INDIAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Murgh Saagwala (Spinach Chicken Curry)

45 min · Serves 5 · 354 kcal a serve · Video 4:58 · Curries With Bumbi

Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Packed with spinach: each serve has over twice a day's vitamin K and about a third of a day's folate and vitamin A, plus about 28 g of protein from chicken thigh. Rich in vitamin C, iron and selenium too.

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Ingredients 26 · SERVES 5

- [ ] 1.4 lb **chicken thighs**, boneless and skinless, cut into chunky pieces
- [ ] 9 oz **spinach leaves**, finely shredded
- [ ] 1 large **onion** (11 oz), chopped
- [ ] 5 large **garlic** cloves (1 oz)
- [ ] 2½-inch piece of **ginger** (1 oz)
- [ ] 1 **green chilli** (optional)
- [ ] about 4 tbsp **water**, for the ginger-garlic paste
- [ ] 1 large **tomato**, chopped
- [ ] ½ tsp whole **black peppercorns**
- [ ] 4 **green cardamom pods**
- [ ] 4 **cloves**
- [ ] 1 **dried bay leaf**
- [ ] 1-inch **cinnamon** stick
- [ ] 3 tablespoons **oil**
- [ ] 2 tsp **Kashmiri red chilli powder** (or paprika)
- [ ] 1 tsp **turmeric powder**
- [ ] 2 heaped tsp **ground coriander**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 2 tsp **salt**, or to taste
- [ ] 1 tsp **sugar**
- [ ] 1 cup **hot water**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **sour cream** (optional; or cream or plain yoghurt)
- [ ] 1 tsp **garam masala**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **ground nutmeg**
- [ ] 1 tsp **butter**
- [ ] 6–7 **fresh mint leaves** (optional)

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. Blend the garlic, ginger and green chilli with about 4 tbsp water to a smooth paste. Coarsely grind the cardamom, cloves and peppercorns. 0:09
2. Heat the oil in a pan over medium heat with the bay leaf and cinnamon stick. Add the onion with a pinch of salt and fry on medium-high until soft and starting to colour at the edges. 1:00
3. Add the ground whole spices and the ginger-garlic paste and stir for about 2 minutes. Turn the heat right down and stir in the chilli powder, turmeric, coriander and cumin for just a few seconds. 1:38
4. Add the chicken and stir on high heat for 3–4 minutes. Add the tomato and salt and cook until mushy, then the sugar; cover and cook 5 minutes on medium. 2:15
5. Pour in 1 cup hot water, cover and cook 5 minutes on medium-low until the chicken is tender. Stir in the sour cream (if using), garam masala, nutmeg and shredded spinach; cover and cook 5 minutes more. 2:57
6. Finish with the butter and mint leaves, remove the bay leaf and cinnamon stick, and adjust the seasoning. 4:02

> **Tip** Serve with steamed rice, roti or naan. Coriander leaves can replace the mint. Serves 5–6; we count 5.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 5 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
354 kcal	**28 g**	**15 g**
1,480 kJ	55% of a day	11 g net · 5.1 g sugars
		6% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
4.2 g	**21 g**	**1,070 mg**
15% of a day	4.6 g saturated	47% of a day
	27% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 13% · protein 32% · fat 55% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 226% · Omega-3 56% · Selenium 45% · Vitamin B6 38% · Vitamin A 36% · Vitamin C 34% · Folate 33% · Zinc 28% · Vitamin B12 24% · Vitamin E 23% · Iron 22% · Magnesium 21%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 18%

Recipe and video: Curries With Bumbi (@CurriesWithBumbi) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=YebEQ7smBb8, published 16 April 2022. 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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