FRENCH · SAUCE

One-Bowl Hollandaise Sauce

20 min · Makes 4 × 2 tbsp · 115 kcal a portion · Video 4:49 · Food Wishes

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A butter and egg-yolk sauce with no flour or sugar: 2 tbsp give about 115 kcal and under 1 g of carbs, so it fits a keto plate spooned over eggs, fish or asparagus.

Diet notes: Keto (0.4 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

6 · MAKES 4 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] 1 large **egg yolk**
- [ ] 4 tbsp **cold unsalted butter**, cubed
- [ ] 2 tbsp **cold water**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **fresh lemon juice**, plus more to taste
- [ ] a big pinch of **salt**
- [ ] a pinch of **cayenne** (or a few drops of hot sauce)

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the egg yolk, cold cubed butter, salt, cayenne, cold water and lemon juice together in a stainless-steel bowl and stir briefly with a whisk. 0:36
2. Set the bowl over low heat (or over a pan of barely simmering water if you're nervous) and whisk almost constantly, holding the bowl with a towel. The butter will slowly melt in. 1:42
3. After a few minutes the sauce turns foamy and starts to thicken. Keep whisking over low heat for 10–15 minutes in all, until it is as thick as you like; too much heat is the only way it fails. 2:20
4. Taste and adjust the salt and lemon. Thin with a little hot water if it gets too thick, and keep it covered somewhere warm until you serve it. 2:54

> **Tip** Makes about ½ cup: Chef John calls it 2 generous portions, we count 4 portions of 2 tbsp. The yolk is cooked gently but may not get fully hot, so use a pasteurised egg for pregnant women, young children or anyone unwell. Scale up easily.

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

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
115 kcal	0.8 g	0.5 g	0 g	12 g	100 mg
480 kJ	2% of a day	0.4 g net · 0.1 g sugars	0% of a day	7.6 g saturated	4% of a day
		0% of a day		16% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 3% · fat 96% — fits keto: 0.4 g net carbs, 96% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin A 13%

Recipe and video: Food Wishes (@foodwishes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=sPKWYM8-YgY, published 29 April 2016. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, 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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