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One-Pot Vegan Lentil Bolognese

100 min | Serves 8 | 477 kcal a serve | Video 11:14 · Andrew Bernard | The Nard Dog Cooks

Vegan

Lentils, vegetables and pecans replace the meat, giving each serve (with pasta) about 12 g of fibre and 17 g of protein, and it is a good source of iron and folate.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: use gluten-free pasta.

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Ingredients 24 · SERVES 8

- [ ] 2 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 1 large **yellow onion**, minced
- [ ] 5 cloves **garlic**, minced
- [ ] 1 **bay leaf**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **dried oregano**
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried basil**
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried parsley**
- [ ] ½ tsp **dried thyme**
- [ ] ½ tsp **dried rosemary**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground nutmeg**
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**
- [ ] ½ tsp **black pepper**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **red pepper flakes**
- [ ] ¼ cup **tomato paste**
- [ ] 2 **celery** stalks, minced
- [ ] 1 large **carrot**, minced
- [ ] 1 **red bell pepper**, diced
- [ ] ⅓ cup **pecans**, minced
- [ ] 1 cup **brown lentils**, soaked and drained
- [ ] ½ cup **vegan dry white wine**
- [ ] **Canned tomatoes**: 28 oz canned crushed San Marzano tomatoes
- [ ] 2 cups **vegetable stock**
- [ ] 1 cup **coconut milk**
- [ ] 1 lb **pasta**, to serve (optional)

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the olive oil in a large deep pan over medium-low heat and cook the onion, stirring now and then, for 30–45 minutes until deeply caramelised. 2:48
2. Add the garlic, bay leaf and all the dried herbs and spices and stir for 1 minute. Spread in the tomato paste and cook 1 minute more. 3:04
3. Add the celery, carrot and bell pepper and cook 4–5 minutes until softened, then stir in the pecans and drained lentils. 3:30
4. Pour in the wine and scrape up the browned bits. When it has been absorbed, add the crushed tomatoes, stock and coconut milk. 3:48
5. Simmer, stirring now and then, for 30–45 minutes until the lentils are tender (or up to 2 hours for a thicker, deeper sauce). Remove the bay leaf. 4:25
6. Cook the pasta and serve the sauce over it (or over rice or baked potatoes). 4:45

> **Tip** Time uses the shorter simmer (up to 2 hours gives a deeper sauce); soaking the lentils 2–12 hours is optional. Walnuts or sunflower seeds (nut-free) can replace the pecans. Freezes for 3 months.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
477 kcal 1,990 kJ	**17** g 34% of a day	**69** g 57 g net · 10 g sugars 25% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
12 g 42% of a day	**15** g 6.8 g saturated 20% of a day	**460** mg 20% of a day

Energy from net carbs 53% · protein 16% · fat 31%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 69% · Vitamin C 45% · Folate 41% · Iron 34% · Vitamin B6 27% · Magnesium 23% · Zinc 22% · Potassium 20%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 19% · Vitamin A 18% · Vitamin K 15% · Omega-3 10%

Recipe and video: Andrew Bernard | The Nard Dog Cooks (@thenarddogcooks) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=AnSdVP4rN3A, published 21 January 2024. 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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