PERUVIAN · SAUCE

Peruvian Salsa Criolla (Red Onion and Ají Relish)

15 min · plus 1 hour (or overnight) soaking · Makes 8 × ½ cup (65 g) · 54 kcal a portion

Video 3:09 · Green Healthy Cooking

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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Raw red onion, ají pepper, coriander and lime with just a little oil: a ½ cup portion has about 53 kcal and 1 g of fibre, and the raw onion, chilli and lime make it a source of vitamin C. Vegan, no added sugar.

Diet notes: Low carb (4.6 g net carbs) but not keto: 58% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

6 · MAKES 8 × ½ CUP (65 G)

- [ ] 2 large **red onions**, very finely sliced
- [ ] 2–3 **ají amarillo peppers** (jarred or fresh), skinned, seeded and thinly sliced (or 2–3 tsp ají amarillo paste)
- [ ] ¼ cup chopped **fresh coriander** (cilantro)
- [ ] **Lime juice**: juice of 2 limes
- [ ] 2 tbsp **flavourless oil** (such as avocado oil)
- [ ] **sea salt**, to taste (about ½ tsp)

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. Peel the onions, halve them and slice them as thinly as you can (a mandoline helps). 1:09
2. Put the onions in a colander set in a bowl, cover completely with cold water and soak for at least 1 hour, or overnight in the fridge, to take away the bitterness. 1:17
3. Drain the onions very well (a salad spinner works) so leftover water doesn't dilute the salsa. 1:43
4. Peel off the skin of the ají amarillo peppers, remove the seeds and veins and slice into thin strips (or use the paste). 1:52
5. In a bowl, mix the onions, ají, coriander, lime juice, oil and salt with your hands. Spoon over rice and beans, eggs, grilled meat or fish. 2:14

> **Tip** If you can't find ají amarillo, the jarred paste works; a seeded fresh chilli is a stand-in. Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge.

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

One portion, ½ cup (65 g), gives you

1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
54 kcal	0.6 g	5.7 g	1.1 g	3.5 g	150 mg
220 kJ	1% of a day	4.6 g net · 2.5 g sugars	4% of a day	0.4 g saturated	6% of a day
		2% of a day		4% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 35% · protein 5% · fat 60%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin C 15%

Recipe and video: Green Healthy Cooking (@Greenhealthycooking) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=jbFP3L12y2k, published 29 September 2020. 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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