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Probiotic Banana Lemon Kefir Smoothie

5 min · Makes 1 × 1 large glass (about 500 ml) · 382 kcal a portion · Video 7:40 · Autumn Bates

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Kefir and whey give it about 33 g of protein and plenty of calcium, and chia seeds bring most of its 10 g of fibre plus plant omega-3, with only half a banana for sweetness, so it keeps you full as a breakfast.

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Ingredients

7 · MAKES 1 × 1 LARGE GLASS (ABOUT 500 ML)

- [ ] 1 cup **plain unsweetened kefir**
- [ ] ½ cup **water**
- [ ] **Protein powder (whey)**: 2 scoops vanilla whey protein powder (about ¾ oz protein)
- [ ] **Lemon juice**: juice of 1 lemon
- [ ] **Lemon zest**: zest of 1 lemon (the same lemon)
- [ ] ½ **banana**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **chia seeds**

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. Pour 1 cup plain unsweetened kefir and ½ cup water into a blender. Kefir is thicker than milk, so this smoothie needs less extra liquid than usual. 3:46
2. Add 2 scoops vanilla protein powder (enough for about ¾ oz protein), then zest the lemon straight into the blender and squeeze in all its juice. The zest gives the strong lemon flavour. 4:12
3. Add ½ banana and 2 tbsp chia seeds. 4:40
4. Blend until smooth; it tastes a bit like banana lemon pie. 5:07

> **Tip** Dairy-free: use a plant kefir and add an extra scoop of plant protein to make up the protein. The cook likes it topped with unsweetened coconut flakes or cacao nibs.

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

One portion, 1 large glass (about 500 ml), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
382 kcal	33 g	41 g	11 g	11 g	210 mg
1,600 kJ	66% of a day	31 g net · 21 g sugars	38% of a day	3.3 g saturated	9% of a day
		15% of a day		14% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 35% · protein 37% · fat 28%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 270% · Selenium 46% · Calcium 45% · Vitamin B12 41% · Vitamin C 35% · Magnesium 34% · Zinc 27% · Vitamin B6 27% · Potassium 20%

Source of (10–19%) Folate 16% · Vitamin A 14% · Iron 13% · Vitamin D 12%

Recipe and video: Autumn Bates (@AutumnBates) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Ak4mVG2NS5A, published 6 March 2025. 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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