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Pudina Raita (Creamy Mint Yoghurt)

15 min · Makes 9 × ¼ cup (60 g) · 41 kcal a portion · Video 3:31 · Rajshri Food

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Plain yoghurt with fresh mint and roasted cumin: a ¼ cup portion has about 40 kcal and 2 g of protein, with under 1 g of added sugar. A cooling side for spicy biryani or curry.

Diet notes: Low carb (3.8 g net carbs) but not keto: 44% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 15 g **washed mint leaves**
- [ ] 520 g **thick curd** (plain yoghurt), chilled, plus 2 tbsp for grinding the mint
- [ ] 1 tbsp **powdered sugar**
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**, to taste
- [ ] ½ tsp **black salt** (kala namak)
- [ ] 1 tsp **roasted cumin powder** (cumin seeds dry-roasted and ground)
- [ ] ½ tsp **red chilli powder**

Amounts in metric 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. Grind the mint leaves with 2 tbsp of the curd to a smooth paste; skip water so the paste stays creamy. 0:15
2. For roasted cumin powder, dry-roast cumin seeds in a pan over low heat, stirring, until fragrant and a shade darker. Cool and grind fine (store the extra airtight). 0:48
3. Whisk the 470 ml of chilled thick curd with the powdered sugar until smooth. 1:58
4. Mix in the mint paste, then the salt, black salt, 1 tsp roasted cumin powder and the red chilli powder. Serve cool with biryani, pulao, curries or kebabs. 2:20

> **Tip** Use the thickest plain yoghurt you can; hung curd or Greek yoghurt makes it richer. The video says to serve it as a side; we count 9 portions of 60 ml.

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

One portion, ¼ cup (60 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
41 kcal	2.1 g	4 g	0.2 g	2 g	290 mg
170 kJ	4% of a day	3.8 g net · 3.6 g sugars	1% of a day	1.2 g saturated	12% of a day
		1% of a day		3% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 37% · protein 20% · fat 43%

Recipe and video: Rajshri Food (@rajshrifood) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=A8wF79sMHY4, published 30 April 2021. 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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