WEST AFRICAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Red Red (Ghanaian Black-Eyed Pea Stew with Plantain)

80 min · Serves 4 · 555 kcal a serve · Video 8:59 · My Burnt Orange

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Black-eyed peas, tomatoes and plantain give each serve about 14 g of fibre and plenty of folate, vitamin B6 and potassium, with no added sugar.

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Ingredients 13 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1 cup **dried black-eyed peas**, soaked
- [ ] ¼ cup (4 tbsp) **red palm oil**
- [ ] 1 large **onion**, chopped
- [ ] 1 tbsp **tomato paste**
- [ ] 4 medium **ripe tomatoes**, chopped
- [ ] 1 inch **fresh ginger**, chopped
- [ ] 2 cloves **garlic**, chopped
- [ ] 2 **scotch bonnet peppers**, left whole and pricked
- [ ] 2 cups **vegetable stock**
- [ ] **salt** to taste
- [ ] 4 **ripe plantains**, sliced and oven-roasted, to serve
- [ ] a little **oil**, to coat the plantains for roasting (about 1 tbsp)
- [ ] a little **gari** (toasted cassava granules), to garnish

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

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. Soak the black-eyed peas in cold water for about 2 hours (or overnight), then drain and boil in fresh water for 30–45 minutes until soft. Season with a little salt. 0:57
2. Heat the red palm oil in a pan and fry the chopped onion until caramelised, then stir in the tomato paste. 5:14
3. Add the tomatoes, garlic, ginger and the whole, pricked scotch bonnets (chop them for more heat) and fry for 5–10 minutes until the tomatoes break down. 5:50
4. Pour in the stock and the beans and simmer gently for about 30 minutes, until saucy and the red oil rises to the top. 6:26
5. Meanwhile peel and slice the plantains, season with salt, coat lightly with oil and roast in the oven for 10–15 minutes until golden (the cook also offers deep-frying). 6:51
6. Take out the scotch bonnets if you left them whole, then serve the stew with the plantains and a sprinkle of gari. 7:55

> **Tip** Time excludes soaking. Short of time? Use canned black-eyed peas (the cook says 1 can; 2 × 14 oz cans match the dried amount). No red palm oil? The cook suggests coconut oil.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
555 kcal	12 g	94 g	14 g	18 g	720 mg
2,320 kJ	24% of a day	81 g net · 35 g sugars	48% of a day	7.2 g saturated	32% of a day
		34% of a day		24% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 61% · protein 9% · fat 30%

High in (20%+ of a day) Folate 73% · Vitamin C 51% · Vitamin B6 43% · Potassium 34% · Magnesium 33% · Omega-3 32% · Vitamin E 29% · Iron 25%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 18% · Vitamin A 15% · Vitamin K 15% · Selenium 11%

Recipe and video: My Burnt Orange (@Myburntorange) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=PxI_Ica0OqA, published 13 June 2020. 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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