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Maharagwe (Kenyan Coconut Bean Stew)

105 min · Serves 4 · 414 kcal a serve · Video 3:34 · Rukia Laltia

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Kidney beans provide plenty of fibre, plant protein, folate and iron, and the tomato base adds vitamin C to help absorb the iron. An affordable, filling main.

Diet notes: Vegan with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the royco seasoning; Vegetarian with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the royco seasoning; Gluten-free with a swap: Check that the Royco or stock powder is gluten-free.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 250 g **dried red kidney beans**, boiled until soft
- [ ] **Canola or vegetable oil**: 2–3 tbsp cooking oil
- [ ] 1 **red onion**, sliced
- [ ] 1 tbsp **ginger-garlic paste** (garlic part)
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- [ ] 1 tbsp **tomato purée**
- [ ] 2 large **tomatoes**, sliced
- [ ] 1 tsp **curry powder**
- [ ] **Royco seasoning**, to taste (counted as salt)
- [ ] **salt**, to taste
- [ ] about 180 ml **water** in all (a splash, then 60 ml, then 120 ml)
- [ ] 240 ml **thick coconut milk**

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Boil the dried kidney beans in plenty of water until completely soft and the water has cooked away. 0:16
2. In another pot, heat the oil and fry the sliced onion until golden. Add the ginger-garlic paste and stir for 30 seconds. 0:33
3. Stir in the tomato purée, swirling a little water in its container to catch the rest. Add the sliced tomatoes and a pinch of salt and press them down as they cook until soft and juicy. 1:08
4. Add the curry powder and Royco, pour in 60 ml water and cook for 2 minutes. 1:52
5. Add the beans with 120 ml water and simmer about 5 minutes until thickened. 2:17
6. Pour in the coconut milk, stir and simmer 2–3 minutes until creamy and well combined. Serve with chapati or rice. 2:38

> **Tip** Serves 4 (our estimate). Time assumes about 1½ hours to boil unsoaked beans; two drained 400 g cans cut it to 30 minutes. Light coconut milk cuts saturated fat. Use a vegetable stock powder if you need it vegan.

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

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
414 kcal	15 g	43 g	11 g	22 g	410 mg
1,730 kJ	30% of a day	32 g net · 4.5 g sugars	40% of a day	12 g saturated	18% of a day
		16% of a day		29% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 33% · protein 16% · fat 51%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 64% · Folate 54% · Iron 32% · Magnesium 24% · Potassium 21% · Vitamin K 21% · Vitamin B6 20%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 19% · Vitamin C 19% · Vitamin E 16% · Selenium 11%

Recipe and video: Rukia Laltia (@RukiaLaltia) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=XFTCHLTu4HU, published 9 January 2019. 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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