FRENCH · DINNER

# 12-Minute Seared Duck Breast with Crispy Skin

30 min · Serves 2 · 358 kcal a serve · Video 6:56 · Food52

Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

Duck breast is a rich source of protein, iron and B12, and rendering the skin slowly in a dry pan crisps it while pouring off much of the fat, with no added oil.

**Diet notes:** Carnivore if you leave out the raisin jam; Low carb (4 g net carbs) but not keto: 48% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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## Ingredients 4 · SERVES 2

- [ ] 2 **duck breasts**, skin on, trimmed (about 8 oz each raw, our estimate)
- [ ] **salt**, a light sprinkle on both sides
- [ ] **freshly cracked black pepper**, a light sprinkle
- [ ] a little **raisin jam**, to serve (optional)

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. Score the duck skin in a fine criss-cross with a razor blade or very sharp knife, cutting through the fat but not into the meat. 1:35
2. Season lightly with salt and pepper on both sides. Lay the breasts skin-side down in a cold, dry frying pan, then turn the heat on. 1:51
3. When the skin starts to crackle, settle the heat to medium and cook skin-side down for 12 minutes. Press gently with a small heavy dish and tip off the rendered fat as it builds up. 2:31
4. Turn each breast onto one side for 2 minutes, then the other side for 2 minutes, then roll it gently on the flesh side for 2–3 minutes, depending on size. 3:44
5. Rest on a rack for about 5 minutes, then turn skin-side down and slice a little thinner than a finger. Serve pink, with a spoonful of raisin jam if you like. 4:41

> **Tip** The cook gives no weight; we allowed 8 oz a breast raw (our estimate). Sizes vary (7–11 oz); bigger ones need a minute or two more. Keep the rendered duck fat for roasting. Allow one breast a person.

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

## One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

| ENERGY | PROTEIN | CARBOHYDRATE | FIBRE | FAT | SODIUM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 358 kcal<br>1,500 kJ | 42 g<br>83% of a day | 4.3 g<br>4 g net · 3 g sugars<br>2% of a day | 0.3 g<br>1% of a day | 18 g<br>4.9 g saturated<br>23% of a day | 530 mg<br>23% of a day |

**Energy from** net carbs 5% · protein 48% · fat 47% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

**High in** (20%+ of a day) Selenium 81% · Iron 31% · Zinc 29% · Vitamin B12 21% · Omega-3 21%

**Source of** (10–19%) Vitamin B6 18% · Vitamin A 12%

**Recipe and video:** Food52 (@food52) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=HHFdGp7-B8o, published 13 September 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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