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Poulet Yassa (Senegalese Lemon-Onion Chicken)

420 min · Serves 6 · 406 kcal a serve · Video 7:05 · Chef Lola's Kitchen

Dairy-free

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The sauce is built from lemon juice, vinegar, mustard and a big pile of slow-cooked onions rather than cream or sugar. About 26 g of protein per serve, and rich in selenium, vitamin B6 and zinc.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Check the bouillon label; some contain wheat.

Ingredients 17 · SERVES 6

- ☐ 120 ml **freshly squeezed lemon juice**
- ☐ 60 ml **apple cider vinegar** (or red wine vinegar)
- ☐ 2 tablespoons **Dijon mustard**
- ☐ 2 tablespoons **peanut oil** (or other cooking oil), for the marinade
- ☐ 5 **garlic** cloves, minced
- ☐ 2 teaspoons **bouillon powder** (or 2 cubes)
- ☐ 1 **habanero**, finely chopped
- ☐ 1 teaspoon **ground ginger**
- ☐ 1–1½ teaspoons **salt**, or to taste
- ☐ 2 teaspoons **black pepper**
- ☐ 6 **chicken thighs**, bone-in and skin-on
- ☐ 4 **onions**, thinly sliced into half-moons
- ☐ 2 **bay leaves**
- ☐ 2–3 tablespoons **peanut oil** (or other cooking oil), to brown the chicken
- ☐ 180 ml **chicken stock or water**
- ☐ 100 g **green olives** (optional)
- ☐ chopped **parsley**, to garnish (optional)

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Mix the lemon juice, vinegar, mustard, 2 tbsp oil, garlic, bouillon, habanero, ground ginger, salt and pepper in a bowl. 0:28
2. Put the chicken in a large bowl with the sliced onions and bay leaves, pour over the marinade and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least a few hours, preferably overnight. 2:08
3. Lift the chicken out of the marinade. Heat 2–3 tbsp oil in a wide pot over medium heat and brown the thighs for 5–6 minutes on each side, in batches so the pan isn't crowded. Set aside. 2:54
4. Scoop the onions out of the marinade (keep the liquid) and fry them in the same pot for 5–10 minutes until well softened and reduced. 4:06
5. Return the chicken, pour in the reserved marinade and 180 ml stock or water. Simmer on medium-low for 20–25 minutes, stirring now and then, until the chicken is tender and the sauce has thickened. 4:51
6. Stir in the olives, if using, and simmer 3–5 minutes more. Adjust the seasoning and scatter with parsley. 5:37

> **Tip** Time includes 6 hours of marinating (overnight is best). Serve over white rice or mashed potatoes, as the cook suggests. Leftovers taste even better the next day.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
406 kcal 1,700 kJ	**26** g 52% of a day	**14** g 11 g net · 5 g sugars 5% of a day	**2.9** g 10% of a day	**28** g 6.3 g saturated 36% of a day	**1,060** mg 46% of a day

Energy from net carbs 11% · protein 26% · fat 63% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 47% · Vitamin B6 29% · Zinc 22% · Vitamin C 21%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 18% · Vitamin K 14% · Iron 13% · Vitamin B12 13% · Potassium 10% · Magnesium 10%

Recipe and video: Chef Lola's Kitchen (@cheflolaskitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=yT1mdPyiqdo, published 1 August 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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