JAPANESE · BREAKFAST · DINNER

Shiozake (Japanese Salt-Cured Grilled Salmon)

12 min · plus overnight salting Serves 2 165 kcal a serve

Video 5:52 · Sudachi | Japanese Recipes | Yuto Omura

Carnivore | Pescatarian | Gluten-free ingredients | Dairy-free | Nut-free

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Just salmon and salt: one fillet gives about 18 g of protein and around 1.8 g of omega-3 fats, with plenty of vitamin D, vitamin B12 and selenium. The salt cure makes it fairly salty, so keep the rest of the meal low in salt.

Diet notes: Low carb (0 g net carbs) but not keto: 54% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients 2 · SERVES 2

- [ ] 2 **skin-on salmon fillets** (about 3½ oz each, 7 oz in total)
- [ ] **Salt**: ½ tsp (2–4 g) sea salt — 1–2% of the salmon's weight

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Rub the salt evenly over both sides of the salmon fillets — 1–2% of the fish's weight, about ½ tsp for 7 oz. 0:44
2. Cover and refrigerate overnight (or at least a few hours) so the salt is absorbed into the flesh and the fish turns firmer and juicier. 1:36
3. Pat the fillets dry with paper towel; don't rinse, the salt is already inside. Preheat the grill (broiler) to medium and make a small foil tray to catch the juices. 1:48
4. Grill the fillets skin side up, directly under the heat, for 3–4 minutes until the skin is golden and crisp. 3:19
5. Turn them, lower the heat a little and grill 4–5 minutes more, until the flesh changes from bright to pale pink (145°F in the thickest part). 4:06

> **Tip** The cook rubs on 1 tsp sake before grilling (optional, left out here) and lists a sudachi or lemon wedge to squeeze over. In Japan it's breakfast with rice, miso soup and pickles. Salted raw fillets keep 3 days in the fridge.

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
165 kcal	18 g	0 g	0 g	9.9 g	630 mg
690 kJ	35% of a day	0 g net · 0 g sugars	0% of a day	2 g saturated	27% of a day
		0% of a day		13% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 0% · protein 45% · fat 55% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 115% · Vitamin B12 93% · Selenium 60% · Vitamin D 44% · Vitamin B6 28%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 19%

Recipe and video: Sudachi | Japanese Recipes | Yuto Omura (@SudachiRecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=khAYJiQMoT0, published 18 October 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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