BALKAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Shkembe Chorba (Bulgarian Tripe Soup with Garlic Vinegar)

Шкембе чорба

60 min · Serves 6 · 267 kcal a serve

Video 11:43 in Bulgarian · Bulgarian Recipes - Zvezdev's Kitchen

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About 14 g protein and 10 g net carbs a bowl: a light milk-and-broth soup of slow-cooked tripe, with no flour or egg thickening in this Sofia-style version.

Diet notes: Keto (9.9 g net carbs a serve); Gluten-free with a swap: Many stock cubes contain wheat: use gluten-free cubes or homemade beef broth to keep it gluten-free.

Ingredients 9 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 1 lb **blanched beef tripe** (the white, pre-cleaned kind)
- [ ] **beef stock** from 2 stock cubes and 4¼ cups water (or 4¼ cups beef broth) — it cooks down to about 2 cups
- [ ] about 3⅓ cups **fresh whole milk**, warmed
- [ ] 2 tbsp **oil**
- [ ] 1¾ oz **butter**
- [ ] 2 tsp **sweet paprika**
- [ ] 2 **garlic** cloves, crushed, to serve
- [ ] 6 tbsp **wine vinegar**, to serve
- [ ] **crushed dried hot pepper**, to serve

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Rinse the blanched tripe, cover it with 4¼ cups water and 2 beef stock cubes (or beef broth) and simmer until fully soft — 20–30 minutes for blanched tripe. 1:39
2. Lift the tripe out of the broth and leave it to cool so you can cut it. 3:15
3. Pour about 3⅓ cups warmed milk into the hot broth (about 6⅓ cups of liquid in all, as about 2 cups of broth is left) and bring it just to the boil for a minute. 4:00
4. In a small pan, warm the oil, then melt the butter in it without letting it fry. Take it off the heat and stir in the paprika so it doesn't burn. 4:54
5. Pour the hot red paprika butter into the soup — the red fat should float on top. 6:48
6. Crush the garlic and stir it into the wine vinegar in a small bowl. 7:50
7. Cut the tripe into small pieces, add it to the soup and simmer 1–2 minutes. Serve with the garlic vinegar and crushed hot pepper for everyone to add to taste. 9:15

> **Tip** His written recipe uses 4¼ cups beef broth and 2 cups milk. Other regions thicken it with flour, or eggs and yoghurt. Usually eaten with bread — on its own it stays low in carbs.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Bulgarian) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
267 kcal 1,120 kJ	14 g 28% of a day	10 g 9.9 g net · 7.6 g sugars 4% of a day	0.3 g 1% of a day	19 g 8.2 g saturated 24% of a day	530 mg 23% of a day

Energy from net carbs 15% · protein 21% · fat 64% — fits keto: 9.9 g net carbs, 64% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 48% · Omega-3 29% · Selenium 26%

Source of (10–19%) Calcium 17% · Zinc 17% · Vitamin A 16% · Vitamin E 10%

Recipe and video: Bulgarian Recipes - Zvezdev's Kitchen (@zvezdevBG) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=g39V_FbRblg, published 31 December 2024. 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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