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Simple French Ratatouille

70 min · Serves 6 · 176 kcal a serve · Video 3:08 · Jamie Oliver

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A big pot of Provençal vegetables with just 2 tbsp of oil for six: each serve gives around 9 g of fibre and well over a day's vitamin C from the peppers and tomatoes, for about 175 kcal and no animal products.

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Ingredients 14 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 2 **red onions**, peeled and cut into wedges
- [ ] 4 cloves **garlic**, peeled and finely sliced
- [ ] 2 **aubergines**, trimmed and cut into 1 inch chunks
- [ ] 3 **courgettes**, trimmed and cut into 1 inch chunks
- [ ] 3 **bell peppers**, deseeded and cut into 1 inch chunks
- [ ] 6 **ripe tomatoes**, roughly chopped
- [ ] **tinned tomatoes** (amount not given; about 1 × 14 oz tin)
- [ ] ½ bunch **fresh basil**, leaves picked and stalks finely sliced
- [ ] a few sprigs of **fresh thyme**, leaves picked
- [ ] 2 tbsp **oil** (olive oil)
- [ ] a dash of **balsamic vinegar** (about 1 tbsp)
- [ ] 1 **lemon** (finely grated zest only)
- [ ] **Salt**: a good pinch of sea salt, plus more to taste
- [ ] **freshly ground black pepper**

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. Prep everything first: cut the onions into wedges, slice the garlic, and chop the aubergines, courgettes and deseeded peppers into 1 inch chunks. Roughly chop the fresh tomatoes. Pick the basil leaves and finely slice the stalks. 0:40
2. Heat the oil in a large casserole over medium heat. Fry the aubergine, courgette and pepper for about 5 minutes until golden and starting to soften (in batches if the pan is small), then tip into a bowl. 1:31
3. In the same pan, cook the onion, garlic, basil stalks and thyme leaves for 10–15 minutes until soft and golden. 1:53
4. Return the fried vegetables to the pan and stir in the fresh and tinned tomatoes, the balsamic, a good pinch of salt and some pepper. Stir gently (less stirring keeps the pieces intact; more makes it silkier). 2:02
5. Simmer over low heat for 30–35 minutes until thick and reduced. Tear in the basil leaves, grate over the lemon zest and adjust the seasoning. 2:26

> **Tip** Serves 4–6. Eat with brown rice, crusty wholegrain bread or alongside grilled fish or chicken. Keeps 4 days in the fridge and freezes well; it is also good cold 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
176 kcal 740 kJ	**5.9** g 12% of a day	**29** g 20 g net · 18 g sugars 11% of a day	**9.4** g 34% of a day	**5.8** g 0.7 g saturated 7% of a day	**500** mg 22% of a day

Energy from net carbs 51% · protein 15% · fat 34%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 160% · Vitamin B6 42% · Vitamin K 32% · Folate 30% · Potassium 26% · Vitamin E 25% · Vitamin A 22%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 17% · Iron 14% · Zinc 12%

Recipe and video: Jamie Oliver (@JamieOliver) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=ZXoHZBXUhLk, published 4 March 2018. 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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