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Siu Yuk (Cantonese Crispy Roast Pork Belly)

150 min · plus 10–12 hours drying in the fridge · Serves 4 · 721 kcal a serve

Video 14:51 · Made With Lau

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Cantonese crackling pork belly with a dry spice rub and just 1 tsp sugar: under 2 g net carbs and about 28 g protein a serve, over 80% of the energy from fat, and rich in vitamin B12 and selenium.

Diet notes: Keto (1.8 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients 10 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1⅝ lb **skin-on pork belly**, weighed raw
- [ ] ½ tsp **five-spice powder**
- [ ] ⅓ tsp **black pepper**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **white pepper**
- [ ] 1 tsp **garlic salt**
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**, for the rub
- [ ] 2 tsp **ground bean sauce** (a soybean and wheat paste)
- [ ] 1 tsp **sugar**
- [ ] 1 Tbsp **salt** for the skin (wiped off after 5 minutes)
- [ ] 1 tsp **white rice vinegar** (or white vinegar)

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Bring a pot of water to a full boil. Dip the pork belly skin-side down for about 1 minute, then meat-side down for 30–45 seconds. Move it to cold water, scrape the skin clean and pat dry. 0:32
2. Prick the skin all over with a fork or toothpicks, going right through the skin — the more holes, the crispier it gets. 2:29
3. Turn it over and score the meat side in a shallow grid, stopping short of the skin. Rub in the mixed five-spice, peppers, garlic salt and ½ tsp salt. Stir the leftover rub with the bean sauce and sugar and spread it on the meat only. 3:33
4. Set the pork skin-side up on a foil tray with raised edges. Rub the 1 Tbsp salt over the skin, leave 5 minutes, then wipe off the salt and moisture and brush on the vinegar. Refrigerate uncovered for 10–12 hours until the skin is very dry. 6:21
5. Heat a full-size oven to 375 °F. Put ½ cup water in a roasting pan with a rack and set the pork on it. Turn the oven down to 350 °F and roast 20–25 minutes. 10:43
6. Raise the heat to 400 °F and roast another 30–35 minutes until the skin is puffed and crackling, checking through the oven light near the end. (In a toaster oven use temperatures 25 °F higher.) 12:06
7. Rest the pork for 1 hour, then cut it skin-side up along the scored lines into bite-size pieces. 12:53

> **Tip** Rice is the usual partner; for keto, serve it with steamed greens such as gai lan. Nutrition is for the raw belly: fat that renders into the pan isn't subtracted. Leftovers keep 2–3 days chilled; re-crisp in the oven or air fryer.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
721 kcal	**28 g**	**2.1 g**	**0.3 g**	**66 g**	**1,170 mg**
3,020 kJ	57% of a day	1.8 g net · 1.2 g sugars 1% of a day	1% of a day	24 g saturated 85% of a day	51% of a day

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 16% · fat 83% — fits keto: 1.8 g net carbs, 83% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 65% · Omega-3 42% · Selenium 27%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 19% · Vitamin B6 15%

⚠ One serve has about 51% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Made With Lau (@MadeWithLau) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=A33iR_Lp_WQ, published 23 January 2023. 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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