PERUVIAN · LUNCH · SIDE

Solterito de Queso: Peruvian Bean and Cheese Salad

35 min · Serves 4 · 348 kcal a serve · Video 5:08 · SONQU

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A fresh vegetarian salad: each serve gives about 15 g protein and 7 g fibre from broad beans, corn and fresh cheese, plus calcium from the cheese. Olives and cheese make it salty, so go easy on extra salt.

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Ingredients 17 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 250 g peeled fresh broad (fava) beans
- [ ] 250 g **queso fresco**, cut into 1 cm cubes
- [ ] 160 g shelled Peruvian corn (choclo) kernels
- [ ] 1 tbsp **sugar**, for the corn cooking water (most is drained away)
- [ ] **aniseed** (anís), 1 small sachet, for the corn cooking water
- [ ] 1 **onion**, cut into 1 cm dice
- [ ] 2 **tomatoes**, peeled, seeded and diced
- [ ] 100 g **pitted olives**, sliced
- [ ] **rocoto chilli** to taste (about ¼), seeded and diced
- [ ] chopped **parsley**
- [ ] a pinch of **dried oregano** (optional)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **red wine vinegar**
- [ ] a splash of **olive oil** (about 1 tbsp)
- [ ] 1 **lime** (limón), juiced: a squeeze for the corn water, the rest for the dressing
- [ ] **salt** to taste
- [ ] **pepper** to taste
- [ ] a few **lettuce leaves**, to serve

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Boil the corn kernels for 15 minutes with the sugar, a squeeze of lime and the aniseed in the water, then discard the aniseed, drain and cool the corn in iced water. 0:10
2. Blanch the peeled broad beans in salted boiling water for 4 minutes so they stay al dente, then cool in iced water. Handle them gently. 0:40
3. Soak the diced onion in water for 10 minutes to soften its bite, then rinse twice and drain. Peel and seed the tomatoes and dice them; seed and dice the rocoto (remove the white veins for less heat). 1:41
4. Cut the cheese into 1 cm cubes and slice the pitted olives. 1:05
5. In a large bowl mix the onion, tomato, corn, cheese, rocoto and parsley (and a little oregano if you like), then dress with the vinegar, salt, pepper, oil and lime juice. Taste, then gently fold in the broad beans and olives. 2:56
6. Serve on lettuce leaves with a little more parsley. 3:58

> **Tip** Serves about 4 as a light lunch (our estimate). Frozen broad beans work well. If you can't find queso fresco, use a mild feta or ricotta salata. Keeps a day in the fridge – add the beans just before serving.

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
348 kcal	**15 g**	**30 g**	**7.1 g**	**20 g**	**1,150 mg**
1,460 kJ	30% of a day	23 g net · 12 g sugars	25% of a day	10 g saturated	50% of a day
		11% of a day		26% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 28% · protein 18% · fat 54%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 69% · Vitamin B12 44% · Vitamin C 36% · Vitamin B6 33% · Calcium 29% · Zinc 28% · Folate 27% · Vitamin A 24% · Selenium 20%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 17% · Omega-3 16% · Magnesium 15% · Vitamin E 15% · Potassium 12%

⚠ One serve has about 50% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: SONQU (@sonqu) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=8JOqkbiUczk, published 14 March 2022. 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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