INDIAN · SAUCE

South Indian Onion Tomato Chutney

25 min · Makes 18 × 2 tbsp · 49 kcal a portion · Video 4:10 · Kunal Kapur

Vegan · Nut-free

A coconut-free chutney of cooked tomato, onion, garlic and spices with no added sugar: 2 tbsp have about 50 kcal and 2.5 g of net carbs.

Diet notes: Keto (2.5 g net carbs a serve); Gluten-free with a swap: Use a gluten-free asafoetida (heeng); many brands are mixed with wheat flour.

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Ingredients

14 · MAKES 18 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] 5 tbsp **oil**
- [ ] ½ tsp **heeng** (asafoetida)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **urad dal** (split, washed black gram)
- [ ] 2 **dry red chillies**
- [ ] 2 tsp **mustard seeds**
- [ ] 2 tsp **cumin seeds**
- [ ] 6 **garlic** cloves
- [ ] a small piece of **ginger**
- [ ] a handful of **curry leaves**
- [ ] 160 g **onion chunks**
- [ ] 1 **green chilli**
- [ ] 360 g **tomato chunks**
- [ ] **salt**, to taste (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **thick tamarind pulp**

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the oil in a pan and add the heeng, urad dal, dry red chillies and mustard seeds. Fry until the mustard seeds splutter and the dal starts to turn brown, then add the cumin. 0:08
2. Add the garlic, ginger and curry leaves and sauté briefly, then the onion chunks and green chilli. Cook for 2–3 minutes, just until the onion softens without browning. 0:53
3. Add the tomatoes (twice as much as onion) and salt, toss well, then stir in the tamarind pulp. 1:32
4. Cook for about 10 minutes, until the tomatoes have completely broken down and mash at a touch. Turn off the heat. 2:15
5. Cool slightly and grind to a thick paste without adding water. Serve warm or cold with idli, dosa or upma. 2:31

> **Tip** Makes about 530 ml (our estimate: 18 portions of 2 tbsp). Keeps 3–4 days in the fridge. Heeng is often cut with wheat flour; choose a gluten-free one if needed.

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

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
49 kcal	0.6 g	3.2 g	0.7 g	4 g	130 mg
200 kJ	1% of a day	2.5 g net · 1.4 g sugars	2% of a day	0.3 g saturated	6% of a day
		1% of a day		5% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 21% · protein 5% · fat 74% — fits keto: 2.5 g net carbs, 74% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 22%

Recipe and video: Kunal Kapur (@KunalKapur) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=0EEgjXDPXtU, published 10 February 2020. 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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