JAPANESE · SIDE

Spinach Goma-ae with Sesame Dressing

15 min · Serves 4 · 73 kcal a serve · Video 3:08 · Just One Cookbook

Vegan · Nut-free

About 70 kcal a serve with more than two days' vitamin K, rich in folate and vitamin A, and a source of iron and magnesium from the spinach and sesame. Only a tablespoon of sugar for four serves and no added oil.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce to keep it gluten-free.

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Ingredients 7 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 1 bunch (½ lb, 8 oz) **spinach**
- [ ] a pinch of **salt** for the blanching water
- [ ] 3 Tbsp **roasted white sesame seeds**
- [ ] 1½ Tbsp **soy sauce**
- [ ] 1 Tbsp **sugar**
- [ ] ½ tsp **sake**
- [ ] ½ tsp **mirin**

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Grind the toasted sesame seeds in a mortar and pestle (suribachi), leaving some seeds whole for texture. 0:07
2. Add the sugar, soy sauce, mirin and sake to the ground sesame and mix into a thick dressing. 0:21
3. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the spinach stem-side first and cook for 30–45 seconds. 0:43
4. Lift the spinach into iced water to stop the cooking, then gather it up and squeeze out the water firmly. Cut into 1–2 inch lengths. 1:04
5. Put the spinach in a bowl, add the sesame dressing and toss together. Serve at room temperature or chilled. 1:27

> **Tip** Try the same dressing on blanched green beans, broccoli or asparagus. Dress the spinach just before serving; it keeps a day in the fridge.

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
73 kcal 300 kJ	**3.4** g 7% of a day	**7.4** g 5.2 g net · 3.6 g sugars 3% of a day	**2.1** g 8% of a day	**4** g 0.6 g saturated 5% of a day	**470** mg 20% of a day

Energy from net carbs 30% · protein 19% · fat 51%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 221% · Vitamin A 29% · Folate 29%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 18% · Vitamin C 17% · Iron 15% · Vitamin B6 11% · Calcium 10%

Recipe and video: Just One Cookbook (@justonecookbook) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=NN98B6TzH3w, published 5 June 2016. 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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