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Sri Lankan Dhal Curry (Parippu)

30 min · Serves 4 · 320 kcal a serve · Video 6:39 · island smile

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Red lentils cook in about 12 minutes and give each serve about 12 g of protein and 6 g of fibre, and make it rich in folate and iron. Coconut milk gives the Sri Lankan creaminess without dairy.

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Ingredients 14 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 190 g **red lentils** (masoor dhal), washed
- [ ] 120 ml **water** (a little more if the lentils need it)
- [ ] 1 large **onion**, thinly sliced (half for the dhal, half for the tempering)
- [ ] 4 **garlic** cloves, thinly sliced (half and half)
- [ ] 1–2 **green chillies**, halved
- [ ] 1 sprig of **curry leaves** (half and half)
- [ ] 1 tsp **turmeric powder** (half and half)
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**, or to taste
- [ ] 120 ml **thick coconut milk** (up to 240 ml)
- [ ] 3 tbsp **oil** (coconut or vegetable), for the tempering
- [ ] 1 tsp **red chilli flakes**
- [ ] ½ tsp **red chilli powder**
- [ ] 2 whole **dried red chillies** (optional)
- [ ] 1 tsp **mustard seeds**

Amounts in metric 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. Slice the onion, garlic and green chillies. Set aside half of the onion, garlic, curry leaves and turmeric for the tempering. 1:46
2. Wash the lentils well and put them in a pan with 120 ml water, the green chillies and the other half of the onion, garlic, curry leaves and turmeric. Cook on medium for 10–12 minutes until soft. 2:22
3. Pour in the coconut milk, season with salt and cook on low for at least 3 minutes. Set aside. 3:29
4. For the tempering, heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté the reserved onion, garlic, curry leaves and turmeric on low-medium for about a minute, until the onion turns golden. 4:11
5. Add the chilli powder, chilli flakes and whole dried chillies for 10–12 seconds, then the mustard seeds for another 15 seconds. 4:33
6. Put the dhal back on the heat and stir in the tempering gradually, swirling a spoonful of dhal around the frying pan to collect every bit. Taste for salt and serve warm. 5:06

> **Tip** Serve with rice. Add up to 120 ml more water if the lentils stick, or up to 240 ml of coconut milk. Keeps 2 days in the fridge; to freeze (2 weeks), freeze before adding the coconut milk and add it with the tempering when reheating.

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
320 kcal	12 g	32 g	6.5 g	17 g	590 mg
1,340 kJ	25% of a day	25 g net · 4.5 g sugars	23% of a day	6.6 g saturated	26% of a day
		12% of a day		22% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 33% · protein 16% · fat 51%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 62% · Folate 49% · Iron 29%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B6 19% · Zinc 17% · Vitamin E 16% · Magnesium 14% · Potassium 13% · Vitamin C 10% · Vitamin K 10% · Selenium 10%

Recipe and video: island smile (@islandsmile4902) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=7vNIHOKnK8I, published 15 February 2021. 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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