NORTH AFRICAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Sudanese White Bean and Beef Stew (Fasolia)

فاصوليا بيضاء مطبوخة

110 min · plus 3–4 hours soaking the beans · Serves 5 · 390 kcal a serve

Video 3:50 in Arabic · Tagwa Sudaniya

Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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About 27 g protein and 9 g fibre a serve from white beans and beef; the 31 g net carbs come from beans, which digest slowly.

Ingredients

10 · SERVES 5

- [ ] 250 g **dried white beans**, soaked 3–4 hours and boiled until tender
- [ ] 300 g **beef** (or veal), cut into small cubes
- [ ] 4 **onions** (about 500 g), diced
- [ ] 60 ml **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **tomato paste**
- [ ] 1½ tsp **ground coriander** (1 tsp with the onions, the rest to finish)
- [ ] 1 small **cube frozen crushed garlic** (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] 950 ml **water** (710 ml boiling for the beef, 240 ml to loosen the sauce)
- [ ] **salt**, to taste
- [ ] a sprinkle of **black pepper**

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. Soak the beans 3–4 hours, then boil them in about 2 litres of water, covered, for 40–50 minutes until tender; drain. 0:02
2. Meanwhile make the dama (stew base): fry the diced onions in the oil with 1 tsp ground coriander until soft and melting. 0:48
3. Add the beef and salt, stir well, then pour in 710 ml of boiling water. Cover and cook on medium heat for 40 minutes. 1:15
4. Stir in the garlic and tomato paste, loosen with 240 ml of water, cover and simmer 15 minutes until the sauce thickens. 1:53
5. Add the cooked beans, the rest of the coriander and the black pepper, cover and simmer a few more minutes before serving. 2:30

> **Tip** Sudanese families eat it with rice, bread or kisra (thin sorghum flatbread); a salad keeps the meal lighter. Serves 5 is our estimate. Canned white beans (about 575 g drained, 2½ × 400 g cans) save the soaking.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Arabic) shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
390 kcal	27 g	40 g	9.5 g	15 g	430 mg
1,630 kJ	55% of a day	31 g net · 5.3 g sugars	34% of a day	2.2 g saturated	19% of a day
		15% of a day		19% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 34% · protein 29% · fat 37%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 69% · Zinc 51% · Vitamin B12 51% · Iron 34% · Selenium 33% · Folate 29% · Vitamin B6 29% · Magnesium 23% · Potassium 22% · Vitamin E 22%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin K 12% · Calcium 11% · Vitamin C 10%

Recipe and video: Tagwa Sudaniya (@Sudaniya) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Ge8Q8p2U5ns, published 10 January 2025. 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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