GLOBAL · DRINK

Sugar-Free Lemon and Mint Iced Tea

10 min · plus a few hours chilling Makes 2 × 1 glass (250 ml) over ice 8 kcal a portion

Video 10:51 · HK's Keto & Low Carb Recipes

Vegan | Gluten-free ingredients | Nut-free

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Sweetened with stevia instead of sugar, so it has no added sugar and is practically calorie-free (under 10 kcal a glass): a refreshing swap for bottled iced teas and soft drinks.

Diet notes: Low carb (2.2 g net carbs) but not keto: 5% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

8 · MAKES 2 × 1 GLASS (250 ML) OVER ICE

- [ ] a handful of **fresh mint leaves**, bruised (strained out)
- [ ] 2 **black tea** bags, brewed in 500 ml water (bags removed)
- [ ] 1 tsp **lemon zest** (strained out)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **lemon juice**
- [ ] 2–3 tsp **stevia** (or other 1:1 sweetener), to taste
- [ ] **ice cubes**, to serve
- [ ] **lemon** slices, to garnish
- [ ] **mint** sprigs, to garnish

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. Zest a lemon and set the zest aside. Put a handful of mint leaves in a heatproof jug and crush them lightly with a pestle to bruise them, without turning them into a paste. 1:15
2. Boil the kettle and wait until the water stops bubbling (about 95 °C). Pour 500 ml over the mint and add 2 black tea bags (1 bag per 250 ml). Brew for 4 minutes, or 3 for a milder tea, then remove the bags. 1:58
3. Stir in the lemon zest, 2 tbsp lemon juice and 2–3 tsp sweetener. Taste and adjust. 2:47
4. Let it cool, then chill in the fridge for a few hours. 3:10
5. Fill two glasses with ice, strain the tea over it and garnish each with a lemon slice and a mint sprig. 3:16

> **Tip** Use any tea you like, such as green tea. HK's other two flavours: mash 50 g blueberries in the jug before adding the water, or grate in a small piece of ginger and finish with lemon juice.

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

One portion, 1 glass (250 ml) over ice, gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
8 kcal 30 kJ	**0.1** g 0% of a day	**2.3** g 2.2 g net · 0.5 g sugars 1% of a day	**0.2** g 1% of a day	**0.1** g 0 g saturated 0% of a day	**10** mg 0% of a day

Energy from net carbs 87% · protein 4% · fat 9%

Recipe and video: HK's Keto & Low Carb Recipes (@HKKetoRecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=qCEGRo-9Cg8, published 16 August 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, 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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