INDIAN · DRINK

Sugar-Free Watermelon Mint Cooler (Watermelon Mojito)

10 min · Makes 1 × 1 tall glass (about 350 ml) · 79 kcal a portion · Video 3:02 · Skinny Recipes

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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It's sweetened only by fresh watermelon, with no sugar or soda, at about 80 kcal a glass with about a third of a day's vitamin C. As made it is salty, though: the two salts give about 1,150 mg sodium, half a day's limit.

Ingredients

12 · MAKES 1 × 1 TALL GLASS (ABOUT 350 ML)

- [ ] 150 g chopped **watermelon** (for blending)
- [ ] 120 ml **ice-cold water**
- [ ] 3–4 tbsp small **watermelon cubes**
- [ ] 8 **mint leaves**, plus 2–3 torn leaves and a sprig to garnish
- [ ] ¼ tsp **pink Himalayan salt**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **kala namak** (black salt)
- [ ] ¼ tsp roasted cumin (jeera) powder
- [ ] ¼ tsp **freshly ground black pepper**
- [ ] **Lemon juice**: juice of ½ lemon
- [ ] **lemon slices and wedges** (to serve)
- [ ] 2 tbsp soaked sabja (sweet basil) seeds, plus 1 tsp to top
- [ ] **ice cubes**, as needed

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. Blend 240 ml chopped watermelon with 120 ml ice-cold water until smooth and set the juice aside (no straining). 0:10
2. In a tall glass put 3–4 tbsp small watermelon cubes, 8 mint leaves, ¼ tsp pink salt, ¼ tsp black salt, ¼ tsp roasted cumin powder and ¼ tsp black pepper. Crush lightly with a muddler or the back of a spoon. 0:33
3. Squeeze in half a lemon and mix, then add 2 lemon slices, 2–3 torn mint leaves and 2 tbsp soaked sabja seeds. 1:23
4. Fill with ice, pour in the watermelon juice and stir gently. Top with 1 tsp more sabja seeds, a mint sprig and lemon wedges. 2:03

> **Tip** Halve both salts for an everyday drink. About 1 tsp dry sabja seeds soaked for 15 minutes gives enough (or use chia seeds). Skip the water for a stronger drink.

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

One portion, 1 tall glass (about 350 ml), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
79 kcal 330 kJ	1.9 g 4% of a day	18 g 16 g net · 12 g sugars 7% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
2.1 g 7% of a day	1.4 g 0.1 g saturated 2% of a day	1,170 mg 51% of a day

Energy from net carbs 76% · protein 9% · fat 15%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 31% · Omega-3 29%

⚠ One serve has about 51% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Skinny Recipes (@skinnyrecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=QyKOAMP17lo, published 25 March 2022. 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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