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Tom Yum Goong (Hot and Sour Prawn Soup)

30 min · Serves 4 · 119 kcal a serve · Video 11:02 · Pailin's Kitchen

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

A clear, chilli-sour broth: one bowl gives about 14 g of protein and nearly half a day's selenium for around 120 kcal, with very little fat. Lemongrass, galangal and lime leaves carry the flavour instead of coconut milk.

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Ingredients 12 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 950 ml shrimp stock (made from the prawn heads and shells) or water
- [ ] 1–2 stalks **lemongrass**, smashed and cut into chunks (for infusing)
- [ ] 7–8 slices **galangal**, cut thin (for infusing)
- [ ] 5–6 **makrut lime leaves**, torn
- [ ] 2–5 **Thai chillies**, to taste, bruised
- [ ] about 210 g **oyster mushrooms**, torn into bite-size pieces
- [ ] about 8 large **prawns**, deveined and butterflied (more if you like)
- [ ] 3 tbsp **fish sauce**
- [ ] 120 ml **lime juice** (2–3 limes)
- [ ] 60 ml **Thai chilli paste** (nam prik pao, made with shrimp), optional
- [ ] 1–2 tsp **sugar**, to taste
- [ ] **coriander leaves**, to garnish

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

Contains: Crustacea, Fish. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Bring 950 ml of shrimp stock (simmer the prawn heads and shells in water) or plain water to a boil. 0:49
2. Smash the lemongrass and cut it into chunks, slice the galangal, tear the lime leaves and bruise the chillies. Simmer them in the stock for a few minutes until fragrant; the herbs are for flavour only, so lift them out if guests won't know. 0:57
3. Add the mushrooms and return to a boil, then add the prawns and stir. After 15–30 seconds turn off the heat and let the residual heat finish cooking them. 7:30
4. Off the heat, stir in the fish sauce, lime juice, chilli paste (if using) and sugar until the paste dissolves; boiling the lime dulls its flavour. Taste: it should lead with sour, then salty, with an obvious chilli kick. 8:28
5. Ladle into bowls, garnish with coriander and serve with rice. 9:50

> **Tip** Without the chilli paste, add a cup of tomato wedges with the prawns. Unsalted chicken stock can replace the shrimp stock (then it is not pescatarian). Start with 2 tbsp fish sauce and add more to taste.

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
119 kcal	14 g	15 g	2.1 g	1.5 g	2,070 mg
500 kJ	29% of a day	12 g net · 5.7 g sugars	7% of a day	0.2 g saturated	90% of a day
		5% of a day		2% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 41% · protein 48% · fat 11%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 48% · Vitamin B12 35% · Vitamin B6 21%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 17% · Vitamin C 16% · Zinc 14% · Potassium 11%

⚠ One serve has about 90% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Pailin's Kitchen (@PailinsKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=hXaaZiMqvgI, published 5 June 2013. 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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