JAPANESE · SIDE

Tonjiru (Japanese Pork and Root Vegetable Miso Soup)

豚汁

35 min · Serves 3 · 302 kcal a serve · Video 17:30 in Japanese · 【賛否両論】笠原将弘の料理のほそ道

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Pork belly, burdock, daikon, carrot and konjac in a miso broth: about 12 g protein, 3 g fibre and 14.5 g net carbs a bowl, with under 3 g added sugar (from the mirin). Miso makes it salty, about 880 mg sodium a bowl.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce and a rice or soybean miso (barley 'mugi' miso contains gluten).

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Ingredients 13 · SERVES 3

- [ ] 5 oz thinly sliced **pork belly** (buta bara), cut into 1¼ inch pieces
- [ ] 3½ oz **daikon radish**, peeled and cut into ¼ inch quarter-moons
- [ ] 1¾ oz **carrot**, unpeeled, cut into ¼ inch quarter- or half-moons
- [ ] 3 oz **gobo** (burdock root), sliced ¼ inch on the diagonal and rinsed
- [ ] 1¾ oz **konnyaku** (konjac block), cut ¼ inch thick
- [ ] ¼ **naganegi** (Japanese long green onion), thinly sliced, to serve
- [ ] 1 tsp **sesame oil**
- [ ] 2½ cups **dashi** (kombu and bonito stock)
- [ ] 3 tbsp **miso** (awase or Shinshu-style)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **mirin**
- [ ] 1 tsp usukuchi (light-coloured) soy sauce
- [ ] ½ tsp grated **ginger**
- [ ] a pinch of **ichimi togarashi** (Japanese chilli powder), to serve (optional)

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

Contains: Gluten, Fish, Sesame, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Peel the daikon and cut it into ¼ inch quarter-moons; cut the unpeeled carrot the same thickness. Slice the burdock ¼ inch thick on the diagonal and rinse it briefly. Cut the konnyaku ¼ inch thick, slice the long onion and cut the pork into 1¼ inch pieces. 1:48
2. Put the daikon, carrot, burdock and konnyaku in a pot of cold water and bring to the boil. As soon as it boils, drain: the roots are only half cooked, and the konnyaku loses its smell. 5:18
3. Heat 1 tsp sesame oil in a deep frying pan over medium heat and fry the pork until it changes colour and separates. Add the parboiled vegetables and toss until coated in the pork fat. 8:05
4. Pour in 2½ cups dashi and bring to the boil. Skim off the scum (leave some of the fat), turn the heat to low and simmer about 10 minutes until a skewer slides into the burdock. Add a splash of water if it reduces. 9:48
5. Dissolve 3 tbsp miso in a little of the hot broth, stir it in with 1 tbsp mirin, 1 tsp light soy sauce and ½ tsp grated ginger, and heat just briefly so the miso keeps its aroma. Taste and add a little more miso if needed. 11:36
6. Ladle into bowls and top with the sliced long onion and a sprinkle of ichimi chilli. 12:55

> **Tip** Serves 2–3. In Japan it is eaten with rice and pickles; with plenty of vegetables it also makes a light meal on its own. Lean pork leg slices make it lighter. Add mushrooms or napa cabbage in season. Keeps 2 days in the fridge.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 3 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
302 kcal	**12 g**	**18 g**	**3.2 g**	**21 g**	**880 mg**
1,260 kJ	23% of a day	14 g net · 6.5 g sugars 6% of a day	12% of a day	6.9 g saturated 26% of a day	38% of a day

Energy from net carbs 19% · protein 16% · fat 65% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 21%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B12 18% · Vitamin A 16% · Omega-3 16% · Zinc 13% · Vitamin B6 13% · Vitamin C 12% · Potassium 11% · Selenium 11%

Recipe and video: 【賛否両論】笠原将弘の料理のほそ道 (@sanpiryoron) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=P9Clvf8ikio, published 4 October 2023. 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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