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Trini Dhal (Trinidad Yellow Split Pea Soup)

50 min · Serves 8 · 116 kcal a serve · Video 13:06 · Foodie Nation

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A plant-based dal built on split peas, giving each serve about 6 g of protein and 6 g of fibre for around 115 kcal, with turmeric, cumin and garlic for flavour instead of meat or cream.

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Ingredients 15 · SERVES 8

- [ ] 200 g **dried yellow split peas**, washed and soaked overnight
- [ ] 1.2 L **water**
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**
- [ ] ½ tsp **turmeric powder**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground geera** (cumin)
- [ ] 5 **garlic** cloves, minced, for the pot
- [ ] 40 g minced **onions**
- [ ] 2 pimento (seasoning) peppers, minced
- [ ] a little **tamarind chutney** (optional, about 1 tbsp)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **vegetable oil**, for the chunkay
- [ ] ¼ tsp whole cumin (geera) seeds
- [ ] 3 carapoulay (curry) leaves
- [ ] 2 **garlic** cloves, minced, for the chunkay
- [ ] more **salt**, to taste (about ⅓ tsp)
- [ ] **black pepper**, to taste

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. Wash the split peas well and soak them overnight in just enough water to cover. Drain. 1:21
2. Bring 1.2 L of water to a boil with the split peas, salt, turmeric, ground geera, 5 cloves of garlic, the onion and pimento peppers. Lower to a simmer and cook for 30–35 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes, until the peas break down. 1:51
3. Swizzle or blend the dhal until smooth (or leave a little texture), stir in a little tamarind chutney if you like, and simmer 5–10 minutes more to your preferred thickness. 4:26
4. For the chunkay, heat the oil in a small pan, add the cumin seeds and curry leaves for about a minute, then the remaining garlic for 20–30 seconds until golden. 7:04
5. Carefully pour the sizzling oil into the dhal, stir, season with salt and pepper and serve. 9:44

> **Tip** Serves 8 as a side, or 4 as a bowl of soup. Time excludes the overnight soak. Serve with rice or roti; it thickens as it stands, so loosen with hot water when reheating.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
116 kcal 490 kJ	5.6 g 11% of a day	16 g 11 g net · 2.9 g sugars 6% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
5.6 g 20% of a day	3.7 g 0.3 g saturated 5% of a day	390 mg 17% of a day

Energy from net carbs 45% · protein 22% · fat 33%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 21%

Source of (10–19%) Folate 11%

Recipe and video: Foodie Nation (@FoodieNation) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=aMuPdDaZf_w, published 8 May 2020. 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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