VIETNAMESE · DINNER

Vietnamese Shaking Beef (Bò Lúc Lắc)

50 min · Serves 3 · 479 kcal a serve · Video 4:41 · Helen's Recipes (Vietnamese Food)

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Seared sirloin on a fresh salad: one serve gives about 37 g of protein, is rich in vitamin C from the capsicum and tomato, and is rich in zinc and vitamin B12 from the beef.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari and a gluten-free oyster sauce to keep it gluten-free.

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Ingredients 14 · SERVES 3

- [ ] 500 g **beef** (sirloin, filet mignon or rib eye), cut into 2.5 cm cubes
- [ ] **Garlic**: 1 tbsp + 1 tsp minced garlic
- [ ] 2 tsp **sugar**
- [ ] a pinch of **salt**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **soy sauce** (light, or half mushroom soy sauce)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **oyster sauce**
- [ ] 1/2 tsp **pepper**, plus extra to finish
- [ ] 2 tbsp **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 1 **bell pepper** (capsicum), cut into 2.5 cm squares
- [ ] 1 **red onion**, finely sliced
- [ ] 1 tbsp **sugar**, for the pickled onion
- [ ] 2 tbsp **vinegar** (5% acid)
- [ ] **lettuce or watercress**, to serve (about 100 g)
- [ ] 1 **tomato**, thinly sliced, to serve

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Mix the beef cubes with 1 tbsp of the garlic, the oyster sauce, soy sauce, 2 tsp sugar, salt, pepper and 1 tbsp of the oil. Marinate for at least 30 minutes, or 2–3 hours in the fridge. 0:36
2. Toss the sliced red onion with 1 tbsp sugar and the vinegar and set aside to lightly pickle. Cut the capsicum into 2.5 cm squares. 1:31
3. Heat a wok or large pan over high heat until smoking. Add the remaining 1 tbsp oil and fry the remaining 1 tsp garlic until fragrant. 2:24
4. Add the beef in a single layer (cook in batches if your pan is small) and sear for just a few minutes, shaking the pan to turn the cubes, until done to your liking. Add the capsicum for the last minute. 2:43
5. Pile the beef onto a bed of lettuce or watercress and sliced tomato, grind over more black pepper and top with the pickled onion. 3:32

> **Tip** Serves 3 (our estimate). Helen suggests rice or fries on the side. Keep the beef medium-rare so it stays tender.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 3 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
479 kcal	37 g	21 g	3.4 g	27 g	1,060 mg
2,000 kJ	74% of a day	17 g net · 12 g sugars	12% of a day	7.7 g saturated	46% of a day
		7% of a day		35% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 15% · protein 32% · fat 53% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 84% · Vitamin B12 80% · Selenium 71% · Zinc 65% · Vitamin B6 64% · Omega-3 57% · Vitamin K 41% · Vitamin A 27% · Folate 25% · Vitamin E 21%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 19% · Potassium 18% · Magnesium 15%

Recipe and video: Helen's Recipes (Vietnamese Food) (@HelenRecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=VNYJjrRYm60, published 15 July 2012. 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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