NORTH AFRICAN · SNACK · SIDE

Zaalouk (Moroccan Eggplant and Tomato Dip)

65 min · Makes 6 × about ½ cup · 67 kcal a portion · Video 3:36 · cookingwithalia

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Mostly eggplant and tomato, cooked down with spices, herbs and a little olive oil: vegan, about 65 kcal and 3.5 g of fibre a serve, and rich in vitamin K from the fresh parsley and coriander.

Diet notes: Low carb (4.8 g net carbs) but not keto: 51% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

11 · MAKES 6 × ABOUT ½ CUP

- [ ] 1 large **eggplant** (about 450 g), partly peeled and diced
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**, plus a little for the cooking water
- [ ] 1–2 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] 3 **tomatoes** (about 450 g), peeled and diced
- [ ] 1 tsp **crushed garlic**
- [ ] 1 tsp **paprika**
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **black pepper**
- [ ] 15 g chopped **parsley**
- [ ] 4 g chopped **coriander** (cilantro)
- [ ] 1 tsp **vinegar**

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. Peel the eggplant fully, partly (in stripes) or not at all, as you like, and cut it into cubes. 1:03
2. Simmer the eggplant in salted water over medium heat for 30 minutes. Drain well and press it with a spoon to squeeze out the excess water. 1:42
3. Drizzle the olive oil into a pan and add the tomatoes, eggplant, garlic, paprika, cumin, salt, pepper, parsley and coriander. Stir to combine. 2:04
4. Cook over medium heat for 20–30 minutes, crushing the eggplant and tomatoes with the spoon as they soften, until thick and mostly smooth. 2:35
5. Stir in the vinegar. Serve warm or cold; in Morocco it is scooped up with bread. 3:05

> **Tip** The cook doesn't give a serving number; we count 6 serves of about 120 ml (our estimate). In Morocco it's scooped up with bread; raw vegetables keep it gluten-free. Keeps 3–4 days in the fridge.

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

One portion (about ½ cup) gives you

1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
67 kcal	1.7 g	8.3 g	3.5 g	3.8 g	270 mg
280 kJ	3% of a day	4.8 g net · 4.7 g sugars	12% of a day	0.5 g saturated	12% of a day
		3% of a day		5% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 32% · protein 11% · fat 57%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 45%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin C 18%

Recipe and video: cookingwithalia (@cookingwithalia) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=hMDynTE1XAA, published 17 January 2009. 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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