Easy Cabbage Rolls

Alberta Health Services recommends choosing foods with at least 2 grams of fibre per serving. This tasty side dish provides 5 grams of fibre per serving, making it a healthy addition to a special meal. Looking to add more whole grains to your diet? For an even higher fibre dish, try this recipe with brown or wild rice instead of white.



Ingredients:

12	Cabbage leaves	12
1 Tbsp	Vegetable oil	15 mL
1 lb	Lean ground beef	454 g
1/4 cup	Onion, diced small	60 mL
½ tsp	Salt	2 mL
½ tsp	Pepper	2 mL
½ cup	Uncooked rice	125 mL
1 cup	Water	250 mL
2 medium	Eggs	2 medium
2-26 ounce cans	Low sodium tomato sauce	2-750 mL cans
2 cups	Water	500 mL

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2. To separate cabbage leaves, pour boiling water over cabbage head and let stand to soften and remove leaves.
- 3. In a heavy skillet (with lid), heat oil, add ground beef and cook until browned. Drain all fat.
- 4. Return beef to the skillet, add onion, salt and pepper, and cook until onion is soft (about 3 minutes).
- 5. Add rice and one cup of water, cover, lower heat to medium and cook until all water is absorbed (10-15 minutes).
- 6. Pour ground beef filling into a large bowl and let cool.
- 7. Drain cabbage leaves. Remove heavy center vein from leaves.
- 8. Add eggs to beef filling; mix well.
- 9. Place 2-3 tablespoons of beef filling on each leaf; fold in sides and roll ends over meat.
- 10. Place rolls into a large baking dish.



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- 11. In a large bowl, mix prepared tomato sauce with water.
- 12. Pour sauce over cabbage rolls, cover with foil.
- 13. Bake in 375°F (190°C) oven for 30 minutes.
- 14. Remove foil, baste rolls with sauce, cook for another 15 minutes or until cabbage is soft. Add more water if too dry.

Makes 6 servings (2 rolls/ 702 g)

Tip: To separate cabbage leaves more easily, freeze whole cabbage head for at least 2 days, let it thaw completely then gently pull leaves off one at a time.

Nutrition Facts Per 1/6 of recipe (2 rolls/ 702 g)		
Amount	% Daily Value	
Calories 380		
Fat 15 g	23 %	
Saturated 5 g + Trans 0 g	25 %	
Cholesterol 100 mg		
Sodium 300 mg	13 %	
Carbohydrate 35 g	12 %	
Fibre 3 g	20 %	
Sugars 13 g		
Protein 22 g		
Vitamin A	10 %	
Vitamin C	80 %	
Calcium	8 %	
Iron	30 %	

Nutrient Claim	Amount per serving
High in fibre	5 g
Very high in potassium	1322 mg
Source of calcium	82 g
Very high in magnesium	78 mg
Source of folate	32 mcg
Very high in iron	4 mg

Food Group	Food Guide servings per recipe serving
Vegetables and Fruit	3
Grain Products	1/2
Milk and Alternatives	0
Meat and Alternatives	1

This is a Choose Sometimes recipe (Mixed Dish–Meat-based) according to the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines.