

Golden Milk

Makes 2 servings

This warm beverage comes from Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system, which is based on ancient writings that rely on a "natural" and holistic approach to physical and mental health. They key ingredient is turmeric, which grows as a bright yellowish orange root that looks like fresh ginger, but smaller. The

curcumin found in turmeric is a powerhouse anti-inflammatory agent; it's widely available as a gel cap supplement. The rest of the ingredients are mostly for flavor, but ginger is good for digestion and the others may have additional benefits.

I used pumpkin pie spice as a convenience, but you can substitute ½ tsp cinnamon, ¼ tsp ginger, and ¼ tsp cloves, if you have those in your pantry. Whether you believe in the health benefits or not, any non-caffeinated, delicious warm beverage in the evening can help you sleep well.

Ingredients	Directions
3 C plant-based milk 2 tsp ground turmeric 1/8 tsp ground cardamom Pinch ground black pepper 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice 1 tsp vanilla 1 tsp coconut oil 1 TBSP sweetener (honey, agave, maple syrup) or non-calorie sweetener of your choice	 In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine a little bit of the milk with the powdered spices. Whisk to combine thoroughly until there are no lumps. Add the rest of the milk, vanilla & coconut oil. Whisk again. Whisk frequently and heat until small bubbles begin to form around the edges of the milk and steam begins to rise. Remove from heat and whisk in sweetener. Pour into a mug and enjoy.

