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Cuban-Style Black Beans & Ready to Heat Rice

with Arugula Salad & Pickled Onions



20-30min 2 Servings

This Cuban vegetarian black bean stew gets a lovely depth of flavor from ground cumin and dried oregano, as well as sautéed bell pepper and a splash of vinegar, both of which lend a subtle sweetness to the beans. We pickled red onions and tossed them into a salad, for a refreshing side. Finally, as one last special touch, we made garlic-scented rice to soak up the stew.

What we send

- 10 oz ready to heat jasmine rice
- 1 red onion
- 1 bell pepper
- ¼ oz fresh cilantro
- 1/4 oz ground cumin
- · ¼ oz dried oregano
- 15 oz can black beans
- 3 oz arugula

What you need

- olive oil
- · kosher salt & ground pepper
- · apple cider vinegar (or white wine vinegar)
- sugar
- garlic

Tools

- microwave
- medium pot

Cooking tip

No microwave for step 1? Heat 1 teaspoon oil in a small saucepan over medium. Add rice, half of the garlic, and 2 teaspoons water. Cook, stirring occasionally, until warm, 3-5 minutes.

Allergens

May contain traces of allergenic ingredients. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 780kcal, Fat 31q, Carbs 106g, Protein 23g



1. Cook rice

Finely chop 2 teaspoons garlic.

Transfer rice and half of the garlic to a bowl; cover and microwave on high until steaming, 1-2 minutes. Cover to keep warm until ready to serve.



2. Prep ingredients

Meanwhile, halve and thinly slice 1/4 of the **onion**; finely chop the remaining onion. Halve **pepper**, discard stem and seeds, then finely chop. Finely chop **cilantro** leaves and stems.



3. Pickle onions

In a small bowl, combine sliced onions, 2 tablespoons vinegar, and 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and sugar. Set sliced onions aside to pickle, stirring occasionally, until ready to serve.



4. Sauté aromatics

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a medium pot over medium-high. Add chopped onions, 34 of the bell peppers (reserve remaining for step 6), and remaining chopped garlic. Cook, stirring, until softened and starting to brown, about 5 minutes. Add all of the cumin and 1/4 teaspoon oregano. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute.



5. Finish stew

To the pot, add black beans and their liquid, 34 cup water, 11/2 tablespoons vinegar, and half of the cilantro. Cook over medium-high, mashing some of the beans with the back of a spoon, until flavorful and slightly thickened, 10-12 minutes. Stir in **remaining cilantro**. Season to taste with **salt** and **pepper**.



6. Finish salad & serve

In a large bowl, toss arugula with pickled onions, reserved bell peppers, 1 tablespoon of the pickling liquid, and 1 tablespoon oil; season to taste with salt and pepper. Fluff rice with a fork.

Serve **beans** over **rice**, with **salad** on the side. Enjoy!