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# **Salmon & Chickpea-Cumin Pilaf**

with Carrot Salad & Garlicky Tahini





20-30min 2 Servings

We jazzed up pilaf with quick-cooking couscous, which makes this dish light as a feather, but still very filling. It's a feast for the eyes and appetite thanks to tender salmon filets, grated carrots, chopped apricots, peppery arugula, and nutrient-rich chickpeas. Toasting the cumin seeds makes a big difference in the flavor department, as does the lemony-tahini dressing.

#### What we send

- 15 oz can chickpeas
- 1 oz dried apricots 12
- 2 carrots
- 2 scallions
- 2 lemons
- ¼ oz cumin seeds
- 3 oz arugula
- 1 oz tahini 11
- garlic
- 2 (3 oz) couscous 1
- 10 oz pkg salmon filets <sup>4</sup>

## What you need

- · olive oil
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- sugar

#### **Tools**

- fine-mesh sieve or colander
- box grater
- · medium saucepan
- medium nonstick skillet

#### **Allergens**

Wheat (1), Fish (4), Sesame (11), Sulphur dioxide and sulphites (12). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### **Nutrition per serving**

Calories 1220kcal, Fat 68g, Carbs 125g, Protein 57g



## 1. Prep ingredients

Drain and rinse **chickpeas**. Finely chop **2 teaspoons garlic**. Roughly chop **dried apricots**. Scrub **carrots**, then coarsely grate on the large holes of a box grater. Trim **scallions**, then thinly slice. Into a small bowl, squeeze **1/4 cup lemon juice**.

Pat **salmon** dry and season all over with **salt** and **pepper**.



#### 2. Bloom aromatics

In a medium saucepan, heat **1** tablespoon oil over medium. Add **2** teaspoons cumin seeds and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add chickpeas, dried apricots, and half of the chopped garlic; cook until garlic is softened, about 2 minutes.



3. Cook couscous

To the saucepan with **chickpeas**, add **1 cup water** and **1 teaspoon salt**. Bring to a boil. Add **couscous**, cover, and remove from heat. Let stand for 5 minutes. Remove lid and fluff with a fork.



# 4. Finish pilaf

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk 3 tablespoons of the lemon juice with 1 teaspoon sugar and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Whisk in 3 tablespoons oil. Add carrots, arugula, and half of the scallions. Toss gently to coat.

Add **couscous** to bowl with arugula and carrots. Toss gently to combine.



5. Make tahini sauce

Add a generous pinch salt to the remaining chopped garlic and mash into a paste using the side of a knife; transfer to a medium bowl. Whisk in tahini and remaining lemon juice (mixture will thicken up). Whisk in 1-2 tablespoons each water and oil until tahini sauce is a creamy consistency. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



6. Cook salmon & serve

Heat **1 tablespoon oil** in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high until shimmering. Add salmon, skin-side down; lightly press each filet for 10 seconds. Cook until skin is charred and crisp in spots, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook until just medium, about 1 minute more.

Spoon **pilaf** onto plates. Drizzle with **tahini sauce** and garnish with **remaining scallions**. Enjoy!