



Chickpea-Cumin Pilaf with Salmon

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 grated carrots, chopped apricots, sliced scallions, peppery arugula, and nutrient-rich chickpeas. Toasting the cumin seeds makes a big difference in the flavor department, as does the lemony-tahini dressing. We finish it off with protein-boosting seared salmon.

What we send

- 15 oz can chickpeas
- garlic
- 1 oz diced dried apricots
- 1 medium bag carrots
- 2 scallions
- 2 lemons
- 10 oz pkg salmon filets ¹
- ¼ oz cumin seeds
- 2 (3 oz) couscous ²
- 1 bag arugula
- 1 oz tahini ³

What you need

- olive oil
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- sugar

Tools

- fine-mesh sieve or colander
- box grater
- medium saucepan

Allergens

Fish (1), Wheat (2), Sesame (3). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 1160kcal, Fat 61g, Carbs 125g, Protein 58g



1. Prep ingredients

Drain and rinse **chickpeas**. Finely chop **2 teaspoons garlic**. Scrub **carrots**, then coarsely grate on the large holes of a box grater. Trim **scallions**, then thinly slice. Into a small bowl, squeeze **¼ cup lemon juice**. Pat **salmon** dry and season all over with **salt** and **pepper**



4. Finish fish; dress salad

Lower heat under **salmon** to medium; cook until skin is browned and crisp, 4-5 minutes. Flip and cook until just medium, about 1 minute more. Transfer to plate.

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 to coat.



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.



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**.



3. Cook couscous; start fish

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.

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.



6. Finish & serve

Add **couscous** to bowl with **arugula** and **carrots**. Toss gently to combine. Spoon **pilaf** onto plates. Top with **salmon**. Drizzle with **tahini sauce** and garnish with **remaining scallions**. Enjoy!