



Martha's Best Berbere-Spiced Beef Stew

with Couscous, Sour Cream & Mint



40-50min



2 Servings

Berbere is a traditional Ethiopian spice blend that contains chiles, garlic, and warm spices like cinnamon and allspice. It has layers of flavors that we put to good use in this hearty stew featuring grass-fed ground beef, vegetables, and pearl couscous—pearl-sized semolina pasta that soaks up the aromatic sauce and adds tremendous texture to this satisfying one-pot meal.

What we send

- 1 yellow onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 zucchini
- 14½ oz can whole peeled tomatoes
- garlic
- 10 oz pkg grass-fed ground beef
- ¼ oz berbere spice blend
- 3 oz pearl couscous ¹
- ¼ oz fresh mint
- 2 (1 oz) sour cream ⁷

What you need

- olive oil
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- sugar

Tools

- large Dutch oven or pot with lid

Allergens

Wheat (1), Milk (7). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 790kcal, Fat 35g, Carbs 67g, Protein 39g



1. Prep ingredients

Halve and cut **onion** into ¼-inch pieces. Scrub and trim **carrot**, then halve lengthwise and cut into ¼-inch thick half-moons.

Quarter **zucchini** lengthwise and then cut into ½-inch thick pieces crosswise. Cut **tomatoes** in can using kitchen shears.

Finely chop **2 teaspoons garlic**.



4. Add seasoning

Stir in **garlic** and **1-2 teaspoons berbere spice blend** (depending on spice preference). Cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add **3 cups water** to pot and bring to a simmer, scraping up bits from the bottom of the pan.



2. Sauté onions & carrots

Heat **1 tablespoon oil** in a large Dutch oven or pot with a lid over medium-high. Add **zucchini** and cook until browned, 3-5 minutes stirring occasionally. Transfer to plate and reserve until step 6.

Add **onions** and **carrots**; season with **salt** and **pepper**. Cook until onions are translucent and carrots are just tender, 5-7 minutes.



5. Add liquid & couscous

Add **chopped tomatoes**, cover, and bring to a boil over high heat; stir in **couscous**. Reduce heat to medium-high and simmer, partially covered, and stirring occasionally, until couscous is al dente and **broth** is slightly thickened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Season with **1 teaspoon salt**, **½ teaspoon sugar**, and **a few grinds of pepper**.



3. Cook beef

Add **ground beef** to pot with **veggies**; season with **salt** and **pepper**. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring and breaking up meat into large pieces, until deeply browned in spots and cooked through, 5-7 minutes.



6. Finish & serve

Meanwhile, pick **mint leaves** from stems, discard stems and thinly slice leaves. In a small bowl, stir together **sour cream**, **1½ tablespoons water**, and **1 tablespoon oil**; season to taste with **salt** and **pepper**. Return **zucchini** to pot and cook until heated through, about 1 minute. Spoon **stew** into bowls and top with a drizzle of **sour cream** and **fresh mint**. Enjoy!