MARLEY SPOON



Harissa Chicken Meatball Tagine

with Currants & Couscous





Cozy up to these tender meatballs in a warmly spiced tomato sauce that we serve over a bed of fluffy couscous. Inspired by the flavorful North African stews known as tagines, we form ground chicken into meatballs that we simmer in a harissa spice-scented tomato sauce. Sweet, dried currants fleck the quickcooking couscous and we garnish it all with fresh mint, crunchy almonds, and tangy feta.

What we send

- 1 yellow onion
- garlic
- ¼ oz harissa spice blend
- 14½ oz can whole peeled tomatoes
- 10 oz pkg ground chicken
- 1 oz panko ²
- 3 oz couscous ²
- ½ oz dried currants
- 1 oz salted almonds ⁴
- ¼ oz fresh mint
- 2 oz feta ³

What you need

- · olive oil
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- sugar
- 1 large egg ¹

Tools

- medium Dutch oven or ovenproof pot with lid
- microwave

Cooking tip

Wrap any remaining herbs in a slightly damp paper towel and store in a plastic bag until ready to use.

Allergens

Egg (1), Wheat (2), Milk (3), Tree Nuts (4). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 750kcal, Fat 29g, Carbs 75g, Protein 53g



1. Prep ingredients

Preheat oven to 425°F with a rack in the center. Coarsely chop **onion**. Finely chop **2 teaspoons garlic**.

Heat **1 tablespoon oil** in a medium Dutch oven or ovenproof pot over medium. Add onions; season with **a pinch each of salt and pepper**. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and slightly caramelized, 5-7 minutes.



2. Start sauce

Transfer 1/3 of the onions to a medium bowl. To pot with remaining onions, add harissa spice and garlic. Cook, stirring, until, fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add 1/2 cup water and bring to a simmer, scraping up bits from the bottom of the pan.



3. Add tomatoes

Add tomatoes and 1 teaspoon each of salt and sugar. Bring to a simmer and cover. Reduce heat to low and cook until tomatoes are completely softened, about 15 minutes. Off heat, using a fork or potato masher, crush tomatoes until a coarse sauce forms.



4. Make meatballs

To bowl with reserved onions, add ground chicken, ½ cup panko, 1 egg, ½ teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Mix to combine.

Form mixture into roughly **1 tablespoon-sized meatballs** (around 14 total), adding to pot with **tomato sauce** as you go. Bake pot on center oven rack uncovered until **meatballs** are cooked through and **sauce** is slightly reduced, about 15 minutes.



5. Make couscous

Microwave 3/3 cup water and a pinch of salt until steaming. Stir in couscous and currants. Cover with plastic wrap and let steam for at least 12 minutes, until couscous has absorbed all of the liquid.



6. Garnish & serve

Coarsely chop **almonds**. Pick **mint leaves** from stems and coarsely chop; discard stems. Fluff **couscous** with a fork and stir in **almonds**. Garnish **meatball tagine** with **mint** and **crumbled feta** over top. Serve and enjoy!