Chickpea and Brown Rice Pilaf

SERVES 4

Ingredients

FRESH PRODUCE

½ cup onion | diced

1/2 cup carrot | peeled and diced

Juice of 1/2 lemon (optional)

FROZEN PRODUCE

110-ounce packet frozen spinach | defrosted

PANTRY

115-ounce can of **chickpeas** | drained and rinsed

SPICES AND OILS

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon **cumin**

GRAINS

1 ½ cups uncooked brown rice pilaf

MIX IT UP AND MAKE IT YOUR OWN

- You can increase the veggies in this dish by adding in things like finely diced carrots or bell peppers. Swap in arugula or baby kale for the spinach if you would prefer to try a different green.
- The chickpeas can been easily swapped for any other bean or even lentils. The combination of the legume (bean or lentil) and the whole grain (brown rice) gives you a protein-packed vegetarian dish. Pick what you like and enjoy!
- This recipe features cumin as the main spice, but if you do not like cumin, feel free to swap that out for your favorite spices. Garlic powder and thyme can replace the cumin.

EQUIPMENT



Cutting board



Spatula or spoon



Measuring spoons



Can opener





Large pan



Measuring cups

Directions

- Prepare vegetables.
- Defrost **spinach** by placing in the microwave for 1–2 minutes.
- Heat a large pan over medium-high heat.
- Add olive oil to coat the bottom of the pan and then add onion, carrot and spices.
- Cook for 3-5 minutes, until onions are translucent.
- Add the **spinach** to the pan and allow to heat through.
- Add chickpeas and rice pilaf, stir to combine.
- Cover and allow the pilaf to heat through for 5–10 minutes.
- Serve ¼ of the final dish with a squeeze of lemon juice. Enjoy!
- Save leftovers in the refrigerator for up to three days OR place in Ziploc bags and freeze for up to one month.

Optionally serve with a dollop of plain Greek yogurt for added creaminess.

Nutrition Facts

1 serving per container Serving size 1 each

Calories 300 per serving

Amount/serving	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 10g	13%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	7%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 115mg	5%

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Total Carbohydrate 44g	16%
Dietary Fiber 9g	32%
Total Sugars 6g	
Includes 0g Added Suga	ars 0%
Protein 11g	

NOTES

Vitamin D 0mcg 0% • Calcium 140mg 10% • Iron 4.2mg 25% Potassium 600mg 15% • Phosphorus 240mg 20%