

Quinoa Vegetable Paella



Paella is a lovely, flavorful rice dish which is consider the national dish of Spain. Over the last several years I have been developing plant-based recipes for my Food for Fertility classes. I love the taste, texture and nutrition punch the garbanzos bring to this dish.

Yield: 6 portions and portion size 1 ½ cups

Timing: Prep Time 15 minutes **Total Time 35 minutes**



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 3 garlic cloves minced
- 1 15oz can chickpeas, drained & rinsed
- 1 14.5oz can diced tomatoes (fire roasted)
- 1 14.5oz can artichoke hearts quartered
- 1 cup white quinoa
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ tsp saffron threads
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 1 red bell pepper, diced

Method of Preparation (Instructions)

- 1. Combine saffron and 1 tablespoon warm water in a small bowl. Set aside 10 minutes.
- 2. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and peppers, sautéing until onions are translucent, about 2 minutes. Add garlic and cook 2 more minutes.
- 3. Rinse quinoa before adding to dish.
- 4. Add chickpeas, tomatoes with liquid, artichokes, quinoa, paprika and saffron. Season with salt and pepper and stir everything together. Add broth and stir again to incorporate. Bring mixture to a boil, then cover and reduce to simmer for 20 25 minutes, until most of the liquid has been absorbed.
- 5. Remove the lid and stir in the peas. Cover again and cook for another 10 minutes.

Utensils/Equipment Needed

Saute pan with lid Chef knife Cutting board Sieve (drain quinoa) Measuring cups Measuring spoons Serving dish Small bowl