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Oven-Baked Nigerian Jollof Rice

65 min · Serves 5 · 505 kcal a serve · Video 7:14 · Zeelicious Foods

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Red peppers, tomatoes and onions make up much of the pot, so a serve gives more than a day's vitamin C plus vitamin A, fibre and potassium. The whole dish is cooked in only ¼ cup of oil.

Diet notes: Vegan with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the seasoning cubes; Vegetarian with a vegetable stock cube or salt instead of the seasoning cubes; Gluten-free with a swap: Check that the seasoning cubes and all-purpose seasoning are gluten-free.

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Ingredients 13 · SERVES 5

- [ ] 2 cups **basmati rice** (about 13 oz dry), washed
- [ ] 2 **fresh tomatoes**, blended
- [ ] 4–5 **tatashe** (red bell peppers), blended
- [ ] 3–4 **onions**, some blended into the base and some sliced
- [ ] ½ tbsp chopped **fresh scotch bonnet peppers**
- [ ] ½ tbsp **garlic paste**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **tomato paste**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **all-purpose seasoning** (the cook's own dry spice mix)
- [ ] 3 **seasoning cubes** (counted as salt)
- [ ] ¼ cup **vegetable oil**
- [ ] 1 **red bell pepper**, diced, to finish
- [ ] 1 **green bell pepper**, diced, to finish
- [ ] **salt**, to taste

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Gluten. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the oven to 350°F. Wash the rice until the water runs clear and drain. Blend the tomatoes, tatashe and some of the onions into a smooth pepper base (the cook uses a ready-made tomato-pepper blend) and slice the rest of the onions.
2. Warm the oil in a wide pan, add the sliced onion for 30 seconds, then the garlic paste and chopped scotch bonnet for a few seconds. Stir in the tomato paste and fry for 2–3 minutes. 1:43
3. Pour in the pepper blend, cover and fry for 8–10 minutes, until the water has cooked off and the oil sizzles gently on top. 2:39
4. Tip the base into a baking dish. Add the all-purpose seasoning, seasoning cubes, a little salt and the rice, then pour in enough water (or stock) to just cover the rice. Mix well and taste for seasoning. 3:22
5. Cover tightly with foil, then a lid, and bake for 30–35 minutes, until the rice is tender. Rest for 5 minutes without opening. 4:55
6. Fluff the rice with a spoon and fold through the diced red and green peppers before serving. 5:36

> **Tip** Serves 5 (our estimate). In the video, lightly browned chicken pieces bake on top of the rice; add skinless ones for a one-dish meal. Use vegetable stock cubes to keep it vegan, or only 1–2 cubes to cut the salt.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 5 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
505 kcal	10 g	88 g	8 g	12 g	950 mg
2,110 kJ	20% of a day	80 g net · 14 g sugars	29% of a day	1.1 g saturated	41% of a day
		32% of a day		16% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 68% · protein 9% · fat 23%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 281% · Omega-3 66% · Vitamin B6 51% · Vitamin E 36% · Selenium 35% · Vitamin A 33% · Folate 29% · Vitamin K 20%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 19% · Potassium 18% · Magnesium 17% · Iron 12%

Recipe and video: Zeelicious Foods (@ZeeliciousFoods) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=tzEQtTHSPAY, published 24 June 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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