

Ingredients

1 Tbsp. Olive Oil

1 Green Bell Pepper (diced)

2 Celery Stalks (diced)

1 medium Onion (diced)

2 cloves Garlic (minced)

1 ½ cups Tomatoes (diced)

4-5 cups Vegetable Broth

2 Tbsp. Paprika

2 Tbsp. Ground Cumin

2 tsp. Black Pepper (ground)

1 tsp. Dried Thyme

1 tsp. Dried Oregano

2 Tbsp. Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce (adjust to preference)

2 cups Long Grain Brown Rice (dry)

14 oz can or 1 ¾ **cups** Red Kidney Beans (drained)

2 cups Vegan Sausage (optional)

2-3 Scallions (chopped)

Directions

Slow Cooker Method

- 1 Place oil, pepper, celery, onion, garlic, tomatoes, 4 cups of broth, paprika, cumin, black pepper, thyme, oregano and hot sauce into slow cooker set to low heat.
- Cover and cook for 4-5 hours, stirring occasionally.
- About 1 ½ hours before serving time, add rice and raise heat to high.
- 4 Stir, cover and cook for another hour to an hour and a half, stirring occasionally, until rice is tender and all liquid is absorbed. Add more broth if the rice becomes too dry during cooking.
- 6 Add beans and sausage. Stir and cook another 2 minutes or so, until beans and sausage are heated throughout.
- Served topped with scallions.

Stove Top Method

- 1 Coat the bottom of a large pot with oil and place over medium heat. When the oil is hot add bell pepper, celery, onion, and garlic. Sauté for 5 minutes, until veggies are softened.
- Add tomatoes, 4 cups of broth, paprika, cumin, black pepper, thyme, oregano, hot sauce, and rice. Raise heat to high and bring to a boil. Lower heat, cover, and allow to simmer until the rice is cooked and liquid is absorbed, about 45 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to sit for about 5 minutes, covered.
- If using vegan sausage, briefly heat it on the stove or in the microwave while the rice sits.
- A Remove lid, fluff rice with a fork, and stir in the beans. Serve topped with scallions.