

A Taste of Russia

Plov (Vegetarian)

- 2 cups of Basmati rice
- I cup of vegetable oil
- I-I.5 can(s) of Chickpeas
- 3-4 large carrots
- 2 large onions
- 2.5 tsp. salt
- I tbsp minced garlic
- I tbsp barberry
- I tsp cumin
- I tsp red pepper
- I tsp turmeric



- 1.) Place the rice in a bowl of warm water and set it aside.
- 2.) Slice the onions and carrots
- 3.) Heat the vegetable oil in a pot on high heat or until it starts smoking
- 4.) Add carrots, onions and a teaspoon of salt to the pot and stir them around
- 5.) Begin to boil around a half a liter of water in a separate pot (you may need to add more water depending on the size of the pot that you put the vegetables in)
- 6.) Once the carrots and onions are light brown you can add the chickpeas, spices and garlic into pot and stir them all together
- 7.) Turn the heat down to Med.
- 8.) Drain the rice and add it **On Top** of the vegetables
- 9.) Pour the boiling water into the pot and make sure that it covers the rice by roughly 3/4 inch (you may need to add more water if you are using a large pot)
- 10.) Cover and cook for 50 minutes on low

- II.) Check to make sure that the rice has been thoroughly cooked (add more hot water if necessary)
- 12.) Serve and Enjoy!

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Syrniki

- Eggs
- Sugar
- Vanilla sugar
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Flour
- Vegetable oil
- Sour cream or jam to serve with
- 1.) Mix the eggs, sugar, vanilla sugar and salt in a large bowl
- 2.) Add cottage (or ricotta) cheese and mix well
- 3.) Add flour and mix everything together
- 4.) Heat 2 thsp of vegetable oil in a large frying pan on med. heat
- 5.) Use a wet tablespoon to scoop out the batter and flatten it on the pan
- 6.) Cook for two minutes or until golden brown
- 7.) Flip the syrniki and turn down the heat
- 8.) Cook until the second side is also golden brown
- 9.) Serve with sour cream or jam (or whatever you would like) and enjoy!

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