

SPICY CHICKEN & RICE

INGREDIENTS

1 teaspoon vegetable oil 1 onion – peeled and finely chopped 1 clove garlic – finely chopped 1 pepper – finely diced 200g easy cook rice 200g cooked chicken – diced thinly 150g frozen vegetables (eg. peas, sweetcorn, beans) 2 teaspoons tomato puree 1 vegetable stock cube ¹/₂ teaspoon mixed herbs 1 teaspoon smoked paprika ¹/₂ teaspoon Jerk or Cajun spice 1 teaspoon lemon juice 400ml cold water

EQUIPMENT

chopping board, sharp knife, frying pan, wooden spoon, medium size (1lt) oven-proof tin, measuring jug, foil SERVES: 4-6

PREP TIME: 15 minutes **COOK TIME:** 45-50 minutes

ALLERGENS: mustard, celery

METHOD

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4.
- 2 Heat the oil in the pan. Add the onion, garlic and pepper and cook over a medium hear for 5 minutes, until it starts to soften.
- Transfer the onion mixture to the oven-proof dish. Add the rice, chicken, frozen vegetables, tomato puree, stock, herbs and spices and mix thoroughly. Then pour over the water, ensuring it fully covers the rice.
- Tightly cover the dish with foil (this will prevent any steam escaping whist cooking) and place in oven for 45-50 minutes until the rice is soft and the water has been absorbed. Serve immediately with some steamed vegetables

HANDY HINTS!

★ Why not make a double batch and freeze some for a later date? Once cooked, portion out and cool it quickly. It can then be frozen for up to 1 month. To serve, defrost in the fridge and then reheat thoroughly (until piping hot) in a microwave.





