Easy Jollof Rice

Jollof Rice originates from West Africa and can be served as a side dish or a veggie main course. When cooking the rice, it's okay if it catches a little, this will help to infuse even more smoky flavour into the rice.

Follow the instructions overleaf or see our chefs make this dish in our recipe video. Open your QR code reader on your smartphone.

Hold the device over the code and click to watch.

Please note: some ingredients may have changed since we filmed the video.

Wooden spoon

You

may also

need scissors

to open our sachets

Tin opener

Fork



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Equipment you will need:

Sharp knife Chopping board Measuring spoons Blender or grater (optional) Wide saucepan with lid

Ingredients:

- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 1 red pepper
- 1 red chilli
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Helpful tip: 1 tablespoon = 3 teaspoons or 15ml

- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 250g easy cook long grain rice
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 400g tin black eyed beans

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Instructions:

Begin by making the paste for the Jollof Rice. To make the paste, we want to either blend, grate or finely chop the ingredients.

- Peel and finely chop the onion and the garlic. Deseed and finely chop the pepper. Finely chop the chilli. If using a blender add the chopped vegetables to the blender, add the spices and mix to a smooth puree. You could use a grater instead, or even a pestle and mortar. However, if you use finely chopped ingredients, it will taste just as great.
- **2.** Heat the oil in a wide saucepan and add the purée or the chopped vegetables and spices. Cook on medium heat for up to 20 minutes, until the purée is reduced and drier in texture.
- **3.** Add the rice to the pan and crumble in the stock cube.

Remember to measure or check the weights of your ingredients. We may have included more than you need.

- **4.** Stir the rice well and add a little more water if needed, to completely submerge the rice. Bring to the boil, then cover and reduce the heat to low.
- Check the rice regularly, carefully pushing the grains from the sides without stirring in order to check for water. Jollof Rice needs to be cooked slowly with lots of steam – only add a little water at a time if it dries out. The rice will take about 30 minutes to cook.
- Add the drained beans and warm through for a couple of minutes before fluffing the Jollof Rice with a fork.

Cooking for more than 4? Bulk up the Jollof Rice with extra rice and beans or peas. Jollof Rice can be served with fried, ripe plantain and coleslaw.



If meat is something you can't see yourself living without, the best thing you can do is reduce the amount you have each week and use plant-based protein instead.

