





# Pesto chicken Baked Rice

Baked basmati rice flavoured with basil pesto topped with melted parmesan cheese served alongside a dressed salad.







## FROM YOUR BOX

BROWN ONION	1
PRE-COOKED CHICKEN	1 packet
BASMATI RICE	150g
PESTO	1 jar
PARMESAN CHEESE	1 packet
ROCKET LEAVES	60g
CHERRY TOMATOES	200g

## FROM YOUR PANTRY

olive oil, balsamic vinegar, 1 chicken stock cube

## cooking tools

ovenproof frypan with lid (or you can transfer rice at step 4 to an oven dish for baking)

You can skip the pesto and flavour the rice with stock and a dried herb such as oregano (2-3 tsp), sun-dried tomatoes or make it Mexican style using spices such as smoked paprika and cumin.

#### Before you start cooking!

Rinse your veggies and lay out all your ingredients, utensils and cooking equipment, such as pans, chopping board and knife.



#### 1. Saute the onion

Set oven to 250°C.

Heat an oven proof frypan over medium heat with **olive oil**. Dice and add onion. Cook for 3-5 minutes until softened.



2. aDD the chicken

Add chicken, using your spatula to break it up a little bit.



#### 3. cook the Rice

Rinse and stir in rice, 1/2 crumbled stock cube, 2-3 tbsp pesto and 300ml water. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook for 8-10 minutes until most of the water has absorbed.



## 4. Bake the Rice

Top rice with 1/2 bag parmesan cheese. Bake in the top part of the oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden.



Add the cherry tomatoes here if you prefer them cooked!



## 5. PRepare the SalaD

Toss rocket leaves with 1/2 tbsp olive oil, 1/2 tbsp balsamic vinegar and remaining parmesan cheese (or to taste). Halve and add cherry tomatoes.





### 5. finish and serve

Serve baked pesto rice at the table with dressed side salad.