





Persian Pilaff

with Meatballs

Gila and her team in Brisbane are cooking a range of beautiful Traditional Middle Eastern sauces. In this recipe you get to test out a Gheymeh sauce tossed through rice and veggies into a delicious and speedy pilaff. Topped with chicken meatballs & feta cheese.



20 minutes



4 servings



Prefer another way?

Use the veggies, meatballs and Gheymeh sauce to make a quick tagine or stew. Serve over plain rice if you think the kids prefer it that way!

FROM YOUR BOX

BASMATI RICE	300g
CHICKEN MEATBALLS 🍄	1 packet
RED ONION	1
PARSLEY	1 bunch
FETA CHEESE	1/2 packet *
ZUCCHINI	1
CARROT	1
SULTANAS	1 packet
GHEYMEH SIMMER SAUCE	1 jar
EGGPLANTS	2
ALMONDS	1 packet (60g)

^{*}Ingredient also used in another recipe

FROM YOUR PANTRY

oil for cooking, salt, pepper Veg option: ground turmeric

KEY UTENSILS

saucepan, large frypan

NOTES

Use the rice tub to quickly measure up 1.5 \times amount of water.

VEG OPTION - Ingredients are replaced with vegetarian alternatives - follow the cooking instructions as directed.



1. COOK THE RICE

Place rice in a saucepan, cover with 1.5 x amount of water (see notes). Cover with a lid, cook over low heat for 10-15 minutes. Remove from heat, stand for 5 minutes. Stir carefully with a fork.

Set oven to 250°C.



4. TOSS RICE & SAUCE

Remove meatballs to a plate. Chop remaining 2/3 onion and zucchini, grate carrot. Add as you go to the pan along with sultanas. Cook for 3 minutes then stir in simmer sauce. Simmer for 3-4 minutes.

VEG OPTION - Cook in a large frypan as above.



2. COOK THE MEATBALLS

Cook meatballs in a heated frypan with **oil** over medium-high heat for 6-8 minutes until cooked through. See step 4.

VEG OPTION - Halve eggplants and score flesh in a criss-cross pattern. Rub with 1/2 tsp turmeric, oil, salt and pepper. Roast cut-side up for 20-25 minutes or until golden and tender.



5. STIR IN THE RICE

Add rice into pan and stir to combine (add a little water if needed). Season to taste with salt and pepper.



3. PREPARE THE TOPPING

While meatballs are cooking, finely chop 1/3 red onion, parsley and crumble feta cheese.



6. FINISH AND SERVE

Serve Persian pilaff topped with meatballs. Scatter over parsley, crumbed feta and red onion to taste.

** VEG OPTION - Serve Persian pilaff topped with golden eggplants. Scatter over parsley, crumbed feta, red onion and almonds to taste.

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