



CHICKEN PILAU RICE



INGREDIENTS

500g white basmati rice 4 tbsp vegetable oil 2 medium onions, finely diced 2 black cardamom pods, crushed (optional) 1 cinnamonn stick 3 tsp garam masala 2 tsp ground cumin 2 fresh tomatoes, diced 2 green chillies, halved 2 tsp salt 500g boneless chicken thighs, each cut into 3 500ml fresh chicken stock 250ml water

SERVES 6-8

METHOD

- 1. Wash the rice in clean cool water until the water runs clear, then soak for 30 minutes to remove any excess starch, this will help avoid sticking
- 2. Heat the oil in a large pan then frying pan then add the onions. Fry until dark brown then add the cinnamon and cardamom.
- 3. Add 20ml water then cover with a lid, turn the heat to low then leave for 1 minute.
- 4. Remove lid then add the tomatoes, chillies, garam masala, cumin and salt. Cook on a medium heat for 5 minutes until the tomatoes have broken down. Add a splash of water if it starts to stick.
- 5. Add the chicken pieces to the pan, cook for 5 minutes, stirring all the time. The chicken will start to take on the colour of the onions.
- 6. Add the chicken stock and water whilst bringing to a gentle simmer then add the rice and bring to a boil. Cover then simmer for 25 minutes – don't be tempted to lift the lid though as the rice needs to 'do it's thing'!
- 7 Serve topped with the fried onions alongside poppadoms and mango chutney then enjoy!

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