

EGGPLANT CURRY

WITH CHICKPEAS AND CASHEWS

DIFFICULTY: Easy | SERVES: 4 | READY IN: 40 minutes

This easy eggplant curry is mild yet flavoursome and loaded up with plenty of goodness. Serve on brown rice and top with a yummy combination of roasted cashews, Greek yoghurt and coriander.



CURRY

- 2 carrots
- □ 1 eggplant
- □ 1 brown onion
- □ 3 cloves garlic
- □ 1 1/2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp finely grated ginger
- □ 1 Tbsp ground cumin
- □ 2 tsp garam masala
- □ 2 tsp ground coriander
- □ 2 tsp ground paprika
- □ 2 tsp turmeric
- 400g can chickpeas (14oz)
- 2 cups vegetable stock (500ml)
- ☐ 400ml coconut cream (13.5 fl.oz)

- 1/2 Tbsp cornflour dissolved in 1/2 Tbsp water
- □ 60g baby spinach (2.1oz)
- ☐ 1/4 cup unsweetened
- Greek yoghurt (60ml)
- □ 1 Tbsp lemon juice

TO SERVE

- 2 x 250g microwave pouches brown rice (2 x 8.8oz)
- 2/3 cup roasted, salted cashews (100g)
- 1/4 cup unsweetened
 Greek yoghurt (60ml)
- 2 handfuls fresh coriander optional

1. PREPARE CURRY

Dice carrots, eggplant and onion. Crush garlic.

- 2. Heat 1/2 tablespoon oil in a large non-stick pot or wok on high. Add half the eggplant and stir fry until browned. Remove onto a plate. Repeat with another 1/2 tablespoon oil and the rest of the eggplant.
- 3. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining 1/2 tablespoon oil, carrots and onion to pot. Cook until onion is soft. Stir in garlic, ginger, cumin, garam masala, coriander, paprika and turmeric. Cook for 30 seconds.
- 4. Drain chickpeas and add to pan together with stock, coconut cream and cornflour mixture. Simmer for 10 minutes, until curry has thickened a little.
- 5. Stir in spinach, yoghurt and lemon juice and season to taste with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to low.

6. **SERVE**

Microwave rice according to instructions on packet. Stir half of the cashews into the curry. Divide rice between warmed serving bowls. Spoon curry on top. Add a dollop of yoghurt and sprinkle over remaining cashews and coriander.



WINE MATCH: A dry Riesling.

EGGPLANT CURRY RECIPE NOTES

GLUTEN-FREE OPTION: Use gluten-free stock and gluten-free cornflour.

INGREDIENT SWAPS / NOTES: Eggplant could be swapped for a mixture of any of the following: orange kumara, zucchini, mushrooms and capsicum. You could also make a meaty version with diced boneless, skinless chicken thighs. For a lighter option, use coconut milk instead of coconut cream.

STORING AND REHEATING: Store individual portions in containers in the fridge and reheat in the microwave. Toppings are best added just before serving.