Roasted vegetable couscous

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Ready in 1 hour 10 min

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Couscous is the national dish of Morocco, and this authentic-tasting version, with roasted vegetables and hot sauce, will transport you there.

Ingredients

Serves: 4

2 courgettes, thickly sliced

1 aubergine, cut into chunks

1 large red pepper, quartered and seeded

4 large ripe tomatoes, halved

2 red onions, cut into wedges

2 carrots, peeled and cut into chunks

4 large garlic cloves

2 tbsp olive oil

300g couscous

25g butter

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or coriander salt and freshly ground black pepper

TO SERVE:

harissa or chilli sauce, to taste

Preparation method

Prep: 20 min |Cook: 50 min

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (gas 6). Arrange all the vegetables in a large shallow roasting tin, leaving the garlic cloves whole but peeled. Drizzle over the olive oil and season well with black pepper.



- 2. Roast the vegetables for 45–50 minutes, turning them occasionally, until tender.
- 3. Meanwhile, put the couscous in a deep ovenproof dish, pour over 500ml boiling water, cover, and leave for 5 minutes to allow the grains to soak up the water. Cover tightly with foil and put in the oven with the vegetables for their final 15 minutes, to keep warm.
- 4. Fluff up the cooked couscous with a fork, stir in the butter and herbs and season to taste. Serve the roasted vegetables piled on top of the couscous. Sprinkle with harissa or chilli sauce, to taste.

To serve

Harissa is a fiery North African sauce made from a mix of red chillies, garlic, coriander, cumin, caraway, mint and olive oil. You'll find it in larger supermarkets or you can use any chilli sauce or spicy tomato sauce. A creamy yoghurt raita, pepped up with diced green chillies and cooling cucumber would also make a good accompaniment.

Nutrition

Calories 350 kcal

Fat 12.5 g

Saturated Fat 4 g

Fibre 5 g

Protein 7.5 g

Carbohydrates 54 g

Sugars 14 g

Salt 0.06 g

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