Hearty Chicken Stew with Butternut Squash & Quinoa Recipe

Yield: Serves 6

Serving Size: About 1 2/3 cups Calories per serving: 329 cal

Fat per serving: Total Fat 14.1g / Saturated Fat 1.0g

Calories 329 / Total Fat 14.1g / Saturated Fat 1.0 / Cholesterol 15.2mg / Sodium 1209mg / Total Carbohydrates 32.8g / Fiber 5.4g / Sugars 3.0g / Protein 19.4g / WW (Old Points) 7 / WW (Points+) 9

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb. butternut squash, peeled, seeded & chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- · 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 can (14 oz) petite diced tomatoes
- 2/3 cup uncooked quinoa
- 3/4 cup pitted and quartered kalamata olives
- · Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

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Instructions

- 1. Steam the butternut squash until barely tender, about 10 minutes. Remove half of the squash pieces and set aside.
- 2. Steam the remaining squash until very tender, an additional 4 to 6 minutes. Mash this squash with the back of a fork. Set aside.
- 3. In a large saucepan set over medium-high heat, bring the chicken broth to a simmer.
- 4. Add chicken thighs, cover, and cook until chicken is cooked through, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Transfer the chicken thighs to a plate and allow to cool. Pour broth into a medium-sized bowl.
- 6. Return the saucepan to the stovetop and lower heat to medium. Add olive oil.
- 7. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is starting to turn brown, 8 to 10 minutes.
- 8. Add the salt, minced garlic and oregano. Cook, stirring, for 1 additional minute.
- 9. To the saucepan, add tomatoes, butternut squash pieces, mashed butternut squash. Stir to combine.
- 10. Stir in reserved chicken broth and quinoa. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook until the quinoa turns translucent, about 15 minutes.
- 11. Shred the chicken with your fingers or a fork.
- 12. Stir the chicken, olives and pepper into the stew and simmer, uncovered, to heat, about 5 minutes
- 13. Stir in parsley and serve.

Notes

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