COOKING UP

LENTIL, CHICKPEA & CAULIFLOWER DAHL

Aromatic and big on flavour, this is delicious served with yoghurt, flatbreads and mango chutney.

SERVES 4



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, finely sliced
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped/minced
- 1 thumb-sized (5cm) piece of fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 2 teaspoons garam masala
- 1 teaspoon mild chilli powder
- 150g red lentils
- 400g tin of tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- 1 small cauliflower, cut into small florets 400g tin of chickpeas, drained and rinsed Salt and pepper

EQUIPMENT

Knife
Chopping board
Measuring spoons
Wooden spoon
Measuring jug
Medium saucepan
Large frying pan

ALL FRGENS

None

TIP

Add a couple of handfuls of fresh spinach (or chopped up cauliflower leaves) when you add the chickpeas.



METHOD

- 1 Peel the onion and slice finely. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in the saucepan, add the onion and cook over a low-medium heat for approximately 10 mins (with the lid on), stirring every few minutes until soft.
- Peel the garlic cloves and crush with a garlic crusher or the back of a knife. Peel the ginger using the back of a teaspoon and chop finely. Add the garlic and ginger to the pan with the spices (1 teaspoon of the garam masala only) and cook for a minute until aromatic.
- 3 Add the lentils, tomatoes and 1 pint of water (600ml). Stir well and bring to the boil. Turn down the heat and simmer for 25 minutes.
- 4 While the lentils are cooking, prepare the cauliflower: cut away the outer leaves from the cauliflower and remove the central stalk. Chop the cauliflower into small florets.
- 5 Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in the frying pan and stir in the tomato purée and a teaspoon of garam masala. Add the cauliflower, put the lid on and cook until the cauliflower is tender but still firm (about 15 minutes). Once the cauliflower is cooked, add the drained chickpeas, combine with the cauliflower and heat through.
- 6 Add the contents of the frying pan to the saucepan and stir gently together. Season and serve.

This recipe is adapted from a Good Housekeeping recipe.



