Spicy Argentinean Black Beans & Rice Bowl

We're updating the classic black beans and rice with a zippy exotic touch: chimichurri! This spicy Argentinean parsley sauce is served with sweet potatoes, queso fresco and black beans over brown rice. It's a simple, hands-free dinner we just love. Yum! **40** *Minutes to the Table* 

**20** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

### Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Rimmed Baking Sheet 2 Saucepans Mixing Bowl

FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

4 MEEZ CONTAINERS Brown Rice Sweet Potatoes Chimichurri Salsa Black Beans & Onions

## <u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

Want to get dinner on the table in a flash? Cook the rice and sweet potatoes ahead of time. Dinner will be on the table in 15 minutes.

Kids and picky eaters love this recipe. If yours aren't a fan of chimichurri, serve theirs with avocado, tomatoes or their favorite salsa.

**Omnivore's Option –** Steak is a traditional partner for chimichurri and is right at home in this bowl.

Good To Know

**If you're making the vegan version**, we've left the queso fresco out of your chimichurri salsa. If you like your salsa creamier, add 2 Tbsp of your favorite vegan mayo.

Health snapshot per serving – 947 Calories, 34 g Protein, 34 g Fiber, 27 Smart Points

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Sweet Potatoes, Black Beans, Brown Rice, Onion, Queso Fresco, Red Wine Vinegar, Lime, Parsley, Olive Oil, Garlic, Spices



Preheat your oven to 450 and put a saucepan of water on to boil.

#### 2. Cook the Rice

Rinse the rice under cold water using a strainer. Add the **Brown Rice** to the saucepan of boiling water and simmer uncovered over medium heat for 30 minutes. Drain, and then return to the saucepan. Cover and let sit 5 minutes.

3. Roast the Sweet Potatoes

While the rice is cooking, put the **Sweet Potatoes** on to a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper. Toss well, then arrange in a single layer and bake until tender, about 20 to 25 minutes.

#### 4. Make the Chimichurri Salsa

While the sweet potatoes are cooking, mix the **Chimichurri Salsa** in a bowl with 2 to 3 Tbsp of olive oil. Season with salt to taste and set aside.

#### 5. Cook the Black Beans

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the **Black Beans & Onions** and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup water and turn the heat down to a simmer. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, mashing the beans with a fork.

Serve the rice topped with the beans, sweet potatoes and chimichurri salsa. Enjoy!

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We cook our brown rice like pasta. If the water is boiling, you're good to go. <u>Salmon with Lemon & Asparagus</u>

Lemon brings out the best in salmon. Particularly when it's part of a white wine and caper sauce. Together, they add a brightness and sophistication that can't be beat. Add fresh asparagus, and you have a recipe the family will love.

**25** Minutes to the Table

**25** Minutes Hands On

2 Whisks Easy

## Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Mixing Bowl Shallow Pie Pan or Plate Large Skillet

FROM YOUR PANTRY 1/2 Cup Flour 1 1/2 Tbsp Butter Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

#### **4 MEEZ CONTAINERS**

Asparagus & Fennel Salmon Capers & Sunflower Seeds White Wine Lemon Sauce

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Speed Trick – Use 2 skillets and cook the asparagus and salmon at the same time.

**Salmon has a reputation for being tricky** to cook. Chef Max says the key to perfect salmon is making sure you don't overcook it. Cook over high heat for a few minutes per side and then let it rest. The salmon continues cooking as it rests, so let it sit 5 minutes, covered, off the heat before you cut into it and check for doneness.

**Not sure about fennel?** Forget its reputation for having a strong licorice flavor. Once it's sautéed with asparagus and paired with our lemon sauce, it mellows out and adds a great texture and depth of flavor that we just love.

**Our salmon** is wild caught and responsibly fished, so it's free from dyes, antibiotics and any industrial grain-based diets.

### Good To Know

**Health snapshot per serving** – 751 Calories, 39g Fat, 73g Protein, 16g Carbs, 19 Smart Points **Have questions?** The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Wild-Caught Salmon, Asparagus, White Wine, Fennel, Capers, Sunflower Seeds, Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar, Garlic, Lemon Zest, Miso, Concentrated Vegetable Stock, Herbs



#### 1. Cook the Asparagus

Heat 1 Tbsp oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the **Asparagus** & **Fennel** and cook until the asparagus is bright green and the fennel is just starting to brown, about 5 to 7 minutes. Remove to a bowl or serving dish. Wipe out the skillet and return to the stove.

#### 2. Cook the Salmon

Pour ½ cup flour in a shallow pie pan or on to a plate and add a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Pat the **Salmon** fillets dry with a paper towel and coat with the flour, making sure each fillet is covered. Repeat this process with remaining salmon pieces.

Heat 2 Tbsp of oil in a large skillet on high heat. Add the salmon and cook 4 minutes. Flip and cook an additional 2 minutes. Remove the salmon fillets to the bowl or serving dish with the asparagus and fennel. Pour out any excess oil from the pan.

### 3. Make The Lemon Caper Sauce

Return the now-empty skillet to the stove over medium-high heat. Add the **Capers & Sunflower Seeds** and cook, stirring, until the seeds start to brown and the capers begin to pop, 2 to 5 minutes. Pour the **White Wine Lemon Sauce** into the pan and simmer until the liquid has reduced by half, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Tbsp butter into the sauce. Pour the lemon caper sauce over the salmon and asparagus to serve. Enjoy!

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Place the salmon in the pan gently to avoid any oil splashing.

It's OK if your skillet still has a little flour from the salmon - it will help thicken the sauce.

Finishing with butter gives the sauce its body. Resist the urge to skimp on it.

## Sweet Basil Chicken Tacos with French Style Slaw

A delicious spin on a chicken taco. We're cooking free-range chicken in an Asian inspired sauce, then pairing it with a French-style crunchy broccoli and cabbage slaw. All packed into a taco, it's sure to become a household favorite.

**35** Minutes to the Table

**15** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

## Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Mixing Bowl Medium Saucepan with Lid Small Skillet (optional)

FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

#### 5 MEEZ CONTAINERS Cabbage & Carrots

Coleslaw Dressing Chicken Breast Sweet Basil Sauce Tortillas

## <u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

**Picky eater tip** – Mix the carrots and cabbage with the saucy chicken instead of the coleslaw dressing.

Leftovers tip - Coleslaw makes a great base for a salad. Mix it with your favorite greens and veggies to create a whole new meal.

**Our free-range chickens thrive on an all-natural diet.** They are never fed growth hormones and receive no antibiotics in their feed, their water, through intramuscular injection, or even the egg...ever.

### <u>Good To Know</u>

Health snapshot per serving - 735 Calories, 27g Fat, 46g Protein, 70g Carbs, 23 Smart Points

Lightened up snapshot – 490 Calories, 15g Fat, 16 Smart Points with one less tortilla and  $\frac{1}{2}$  coleslaw dressing.

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INGREDIENTS: Free-Range Chicken, Corn Tortillas, Green Cabbage, Carrot, Mirin, Mayonnaise, Red Cabbage, White Wine Vinegar, Brown Sugar, Soy Sauce, Apple Cider Vinegar, Lemon Juice, Basil, Garlic, Spices



#### 1. Make the Coleslaw

In a mixing bowl, toss the **Cabbage & Carrots** with the **Coleslaw Dressing**. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Place in the refrigerator until ready to eat.

#### 2. Prep the Chicken

Rinse the **Chicken Breast** under cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Place the chicken on a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, cut the chicken breast evenly into strips, about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper. (We recommend 1/8 tsp salt and 1/8 tsp pepper on each side, but you can use more if you like).

#### 3. Cook the Chicken

Heat 1 Tbsp of oil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Add the **Chicken Strips** and cook until brown on the bottom, about 3 to 5 minutes. Flip the chicken and cook until completely browned, 3 to 5 more minutes.

Add the **Sweet Basil Sauce** and ½ cup of water to the pan. Reduce heat to medium, cover and cook until chicken is cooked through and tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove the cover, add a generous pinch of salt and pepper and continue to cook until the sauce thickens, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.

#### 4. Heat the Tortillas

Heat your **Tortillas** in a dry skillet on the stove or directly over a gas burner until soft and pliable, about 30 seconds per side.

#### 5. Put It All Together

Serve the tacos filled with sweet basil chicken topped with coleslaw. Enjoy!

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The easiest way to tell if the chicken is fully cooked is to use tongs or two forks to see if it pulls apart. If it does, it's done.

## Bistro Steak with Pesto Penne

An Italian classic. We're tossing grass-fed sirloin steak (bisteca) with a creamy basil pesto (genovese). With sautéed spinach, mushrooms and whole grain shells, it's a 15-minute meal we couldn't stop eating.

**15** Minutes to the Table

15 Minutes Hands On

Whisk Super Easy

Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Saucepan Mixing Bowl Skillet

FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

6 MEEZ CONTAINERS Whole Wheat Pasta Basil Pesto Cream Mushrooms Sirloin Spinach Parmesan

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This dish is delicious cold and can be made in advance. Cook everything up to 2 days in advance and then use as a grab-and-go lunch or as a simple, no-cook weeknight dinner.

**Picky Eater Tip –** The mushrooms are packaged separately, so you can serve them just to the diners who love them.

Our beef comes from a local farm down the road in Aurora, III. The cows are raised on open pastures with care and dedication and are free of any antibiotics or growth-promoting hormones.

Good To Know

Be sure to generously season your beef with salt and pepper before cooking; the salt adds flavor while also keeping the meat tender. Chef Max recommends using  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp of each.

Health snapshot per serving - 696 Calories, 66g Protein, 35g Fat, 29g Carbs, 20 Smart Points

Lightened up snapshot – 500 Calories, 20g Fat and 15 Smart points if you use <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the sauce and no parmesan on top.

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INGREDIENTS: Grass-Fed Beef Sirloin, Spinach, Cremini Mushrooms, Whole Wheat Pasta, Parmesan, Heavy Cream, Basil, White Wine, Lemon Juice, Garlic



#### 1. Get Organized

Put a saucepan of water on to boil.

#### 2. Cook the Pasta

Add the **Whole Wheat Pasta** to the boiling water and cook until al dente, about 7 to 9 minutes. Drain and return to the saucepan. Stir half of the **Basil Pesto Cream** into the warm pasta to coat.

#### 3. Brown the Mushrooms

While the pasta is cooking, heat 1 Tbsp oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the **Mushrooms** and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the mushrooms to a bowl.

#### 4. Cook the Beef

Return the now-empty skillet to the stove with 1 tsp oil over high heat. While the skillet is heating, pat the **Sirloin** dry with a towel and season generously with salt and pepper (we recommend ½ tsp of each). When the skillet is very hot, add the beef. Cook it, without stirring, until the bottom browns and the sides start to color, about 45 to 60 seconds.

- If you prefer your beef medium-rare, flip it, give it a good stir, and then immediately remove to the bowl with the mushrooms.
- If you prefer your beef medium, flip it and continue cooking for 30 seconds to 1 minute until fully browned. Remove to the bowl with the mushrooms.
- If you prefer your beef well done, flip it and continue cooking for 1 minute. Remove to the bowl with the mushrooms.

### 5. Cook the Spinach

Return the skillet to the stove over medium heat. Add the **Spinach** and cook until lightly wilted, about 2 minutes.

#### 6. Put It All Together

Serve the pasta topped with spinach, mushrooms and sirloin. Sprinkle the **Parmesan** over the top and drizzle with extra pesto cream to taste.

To test if the skillet is hot enough for the beef, hold your hand about 6 inches above the skillet. If you can feel serious heat, it's ready to go.

Beef continues to cook as it rests, so remove it from the heat when it's a little less done than you like to prevent it from overcooking.

## Southern Sweet Corn and Cheddar Strata

Stratas are one of our favorites hands-free dinners – just layer your ingredients and the oven does all the work for you. We're making this Southern-style strata with local sourdough, corn, scallions and a cheddar and Parmesan cheese mix. The best part? The leftovers are perfect for brunch the next day. (Don't be scared off by the long cook time on this one. It's just 5 minutes of hands-on cooking and can be made in advance.)

**65** Minutes to the Table

**5** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

### Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Loaf Pan or 10x10 Casserole Dish Mixing Bowl

FROM YOUR PANTRY Salt & Pepper Butter or Cooking Spray 1 1/2 cup Milk or Half & Half

4 MEEZ CONTAINERS Sourdough Bread Corn & Scallions Cheddar & Parmesan Egg Mix

## <u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

This is a great make-ahead dinner. Prepare the strata ahead of time, and reheat it for 10 minutes at 350 when you are ready to eat.

Dedicated omnivores can add cooked, crumbled bacon along with the corn.

Looking for a brunch idea? This is a delicious breakfast as well. Add some sausage to give it a breakfast feeling.

Want to boost the veggies in this dish? Cherry tomatoes, sliced zucchini and diced sweet potatoes are all delicious additions.

### <u>Good To Know</u>

A note on pan size – To keep the strata moist, Chef Max likes to make his in a narrow, deep pan, like a loaf pan. You can also build your strata in a shallower 10x10 casserole dish, but start checking it a bit earlier, as it may cook faster.

Health snapshot per serving - 741 Calories, 38g Protein, 6g Fiber, 24 Smart Points

Lightened up snapshot - 495 Calories, 20g Fat and 16 Smart points using 1/2 the bread and no cheese.

INGREDIENTS: Corn, Eggs, Sourdough Bread, White Cheddar Cheese, Green Onion, Parmesan Cheese, Mayonnaise



Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and grease your pan using butter or cooking spray.

#### 2. Assemble the Strata

Put 1/3 of the **Sourdough Bread** on the bottom of the pan. Layer 1/3 of the **Corn & Scallions** on top of the bread and then layer with 1/3 of the **Cheddar & Parmesan.** Repeat these layers two more times – bread, corn, cheese – until you've used up your ingredients.

Open the **Egg Mix** and pour into a mixing bowl. Add 1 ½ cup milk or half & half. Season with two pinches of Kosher salt and up to ½ tsp of black pepper. Pour the egg mixture into the pan as evenly as possible.

#### 3. Bake the Strata

Bake the strata until the eggs are set and it's brown on top, about 55 to 60 Minutes. Slice and serve. Enjoy! You can adjust the black pepper amount based on your preferences. Chef Max likes the full ½ tsp, but if you're not a black pepper fan, go with just a pinch or two.

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Instructions for two servings. Meez Meals \* 1459 N. Elmwood Avenue \* Evanston \* Illinois Bento Burrito with Soy-Ginger Aioli Asian rice bowl meets Mexican comfort food. This dinner starts as a classic stir-fry with edamame, carrots, snow peas and bamboo shoots, then is magically transformed into something really special. The magic comes from Chef Max's

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creamy soy-ginger aioli, which adds a richness to rice and veggies that we love. And rolling it all up to eat as a burrito is just plain fun.

Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Rimmed Baking Sheet Saucepan Large Skillet

FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

5 MEEZ CONTAINERS Jasmine Rice Edamame Asian Veggies Flour Tortillas Ginger-Soy Aioli

- As soon as you think about dinner Preheat your oven to 400 and bring 2 \*cups of water to a boil.
- If you're making the gluten-free version, we've give you corn tortillas for tacos instead. Just mix half of the aioli with the rice and veggies and fill the tortillas.
- If you're making the vegan version, we've left the mayonnaise out of your aioli. Add a little vegenaise, yogurt or sesame oil to round it out.
- Cooking with a picky eater? Serve as rice bowl topped with the veggies.
- Need some help rolling a burrito? It's easier than you think. Put the filling on the lower half of the tortilla. Fold the sides in, pull the bottom up over the filling and roll.
- Health snapshot per serving 683 Calories, 23g Protein, 5g Fiber, 28 Smart Points
- Lightened up snapshot 423 Calories, 24 g Fat and 14 Smart Points as a tortilla-free rice bowl
- Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by at 773.916.MEEZ from 5 to 8 pm.

INGREDIENTS: Edamame, Carrots, Tortillas, Snow Peas, Bamboo Shoots, Mayonnaise, Jasmine Rice, Green Onions, Soy Sauce, Brown Sugar, Ginger, Garlic

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25 Minutes to the Table

**20** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

#### 1. Get Organized

Preheat your oven to 400 and bring 2 cups of water to a boil.

#### 2. Cook the Rice

Rinse the **Jasmine Rice** then add to your boiling water. Turn the heat to a low simmer and cook, covered, until the rice is fluffy and the water has been absorbed, about 15 to 20 minutes. Set aside.

#### 3. Roast the Edamame

As soon as the rice is cooking, put the **Edamame** onto a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Cook until golden brown in places, then try one. If it has a light crunch, it's ready to eat. It will take 10 to 15 minutes. Set aside, but leave the oven on

#### 4. Sauté the Vegetables

While the edamame is cooking, heat 2 Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. When the oil is hot, add the **Asian Veggies** and cook until the carrots are just tender, about 7 to 10 minutes, mixing frequently. Take off the heat and add salt and pepper to taste, then mix in the roasted edamame.

#### 5. Make the Burritos

Heat the **Flour Tortilla(s**) in the oven for a minute until warm and pliable, but not crispy. Lay flat and top with the cooked rice, Asian veggies and a dollop of **Soy-Ginger Aioli**. (Reserve half to add to taste at the end.) Roll and bake, seam-side down on the edamame baking sheet, until the tortilla is warm, but not brown, about 5-7 minutes. Serve with the reserved aioli and enjoy!

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Chef Max stirs his rice halfway through the cooking time.

Stir the edamame once or twice while it's cooking.

You want to keep a compact bundle, so keep the tortilla wrapped tightly around the filling.

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## Herb-Roasted Chicken with Fingerling Potatoes

We're putting a fresh spin on classic roast chicken this week. With fingerling potatoes, cremini mushrooms, fresh herb rub and hands-free white wine sauce, it's a sophisticated one-pan dinner we just love. (Did we mention it's just 10 minutes hands on?)

**65** Minutes to the Table

**10** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

### Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Deep Casserole Dish or Roasting Pan

FROM YOUR PANTRY 1 Tbsp Flour Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

#### 6 MEEZ CONTAINERS Chicken Thighs Fingerling Potatoes Mushrooms Red Onion Herbs & Garlic White Wine Sauce

<u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

**Everything is better with bacon.** Chef Max likes to dice slab bacon and add it to the roasting pan with the onions and mushrooms. The extra fat makes for decadent, flavorful vegetables.

**Our cage-free chickens thrive on an all-natural diet.** They are never fed growth hormones and receive no antibiotics in their feed, their water, through intramuscular injection, or even the egg...ever.

Good To Know

**Health snapshot per serving** – 388 Calories, 14g Fats, 26g Protein 29g Carbs, 11 Smart Pts **Have questions?** The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.



Preheat your oven to 425 degrees.

#### 2. Prep the Chicken and Potatoes

Rinse the **Chicken Thighs** under cold water and pat dry with a towel. If the chicken skin has bunched in places, pull it evenly over the chicken thighs so that it lays flat.

Cut the Fingerling Potatoes in half lengthwise.

#### 3. Roast the Chicken

In a roasting pan or deep casserole dish, toss the chicken thighs, potatoes, **Mushrooms**, **Red Onion** and **Herbs & Garlic** with 2 Tbsp olive oil, ½ tsp salt and ¼ tsp pepper. Arrange the vegetables on the bottom of the pan and set the chicken thighs on top. Roast until the chicken skin is beginning to brown and crisp, about 40 to 45 minutes.

#### 4. Finish the Sauce

Remove from the oven and sprinkle 1 Tbsp flour over everything. Return to the oven for 5 minutes. Remove again, toss well and add the *White Wine Sauce* to the pan. Stir well to incorporate.

Return the pan to the oven and cook until the chicken is brown and crispy and the sauce is thick and bubbling, about 8 to 10 minutes.

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This step ensures that the chicken skin gets nice and crispy.

When you stir the sauce, mix in any dry pockets of flour.

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# Farro with Sauteed Spring Asparagus and Roasted Pear

Mention pears as part of a meal, and we get pretty excited. Pair them with asparagus, and we're in heaven. So when Chef Max suggested a warm dinner salad with roasted pears, sautéed asparagus, farro and strawberry vinaigrette, it was a dinner we couldn't wait to dig into. We're cooking it up with butter beans and plenty of crumbled blue cheese. The result? Even better than it sounds. **45** Minutes to the Table

**15** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

## Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT Rimmed Baking Sheet Large Skillet Saucepan

FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

#### 6 MEEZ CONTAINERS

Pear Farro Butter Beans Asparagus Blue Cheese & Nuts Strawberry Vinaigrette

## <u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

**Cooking with a picky eater?** Let them taste the strawberry vinaigrette first. If it's not their favorite, just drizzle their serving with olive oil.

### Good To Know

**If you're making the gluten-free version**, we're sending brown rice instead of farro. Cook the brown rice in boiling water for about 20 minutes, drain and let sit, covered, for 5 minutes.

If you're making the vegan version, we've left the blue cheese out of your meal.

Health snapshot per serving - 777 Calories, 18 g Protein, 14 g Fiber, 29 Smart Points

Lightened up snapshot – 620 Calories, 20 g Fat and 22 Smart Points when you leave out the cheese and use  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the vinaigrette.

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Asparagus, Farro, Pear, Butter Beans, Blue Cheese, Pecans, Strawberry Jam, Olive Oil, White Vinegar, Lime, Garlic, Spices



Preheat your oven to 400 and put a saucepan of water on to boil.

#### 2. Roast the Pear

Cut the **Pear** in half, then half again. Cut the core out and discard. Put the pieces onto a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil, then toss to get them covered.

Bake until the skin begins to wrinkle and the ends are golden brown, about 25 to 35 minutes. When cool, cut each quarter into 4 pieces.

#### 3. Cook the Farro

While the pear is roasting, add a generous pinch of salt to the boiling water and add the **Farro**. Cook until the kernels pop, about 20 minutes. Drain, then return to the pan and cover for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork and set aside.

#### 4. Sauté the Vegetables

Heat 2 Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the **Butter Beans** and cook for 5 minutes. Add the **Asparagus** and cook until bright green, about 10 minutes. Turn the heat off and let sit, covered, for 1 minute.

#### 5. Put It All Together

Add the asparagus, beans and pear to the farro with half of the **Strawberry Vinaigrette** and toss well. Serve topped with the **Blue Cheese & Nuts** and more vinaigrette to taste. Enjoy!

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If you love these baked pears, try baking apple slices with olive oil and kosher salt. They are absolutely delicious.

We let asparagus sit for one minute after it turns bright green to soften it without letting it overcook.

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<u>Green Que</u>sadilla

<u>Getting Organized</u>

EQUIPMENT Baking Sheet

FROM YOUR PANTRY Vegetable Oil

4 MEEZ CONTAINERS Poblano Peppers Tortillas Spinach & Bean Spread Chihuahua Cheese

Good to Know

If you don't love spice, you can leave the poblanos out of the quesadilla. It will still be delicious without them.

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Minutes to the Table

Health Snapshot per serving (serves 1) 805 Calories, 40g Fat, 75g Carbs, 40g Protein 28 Smart Points

**Lightened up snapshot** (1 tortilla, ½ the cheese) 490 Calories, 20g Fat, 60g Carbs, 18 Smart Points

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Flour Tortillas, Poblano, Chihuahua Cheese, Great Northern Beans, Spinach, Half and Half, Spices  ${\color{black} \Pi}$ 



Preheat your oven to 400.

#### 2. Roast the Poblanos

Toss the **Poblano Peppers** with 1 Tbsp of oil and spread in a single layer on a baking sheet. Roast until the peppers are just starting to brown, about 7 to 10 minutes. Remove to a bowl or plate.

#### 3. Build the Quesadilla

Oil the now-empty baking sheet with 1 to 2 Tbsp of oil. Take one **Tortilla** and wipe it through the oil to coat one side. Repeat with the second tortilla, leaving it on the baking sheet oiled-side down.

Spread the **Spinach & Bean Spread** on the tortilla and then top with half of the **Chihuahua Cheese** and all of the poblanos. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top of the poblanos. Top with the second tortilla, oiled-side up, and gently press down.

#### 4. Put It All Together

Bake the quesadilla until the top and edges are golden brown, about 6 to 8 minutes. Flip the quesadilla, and cook an additional 3 to 4 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve. Enjoy!

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Thai Coconut Kale

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EQUIPMENT Skillet

FROM YOUR PANTRY Salt & Pepper

3 MEEZ CONTAINERS Kale Coconut Sweet Chili Sauce

## Put Of All Together

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. Cook the **Kale** in batches (about 3 total) until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per batch (6 minutes total). Once the kale is wilted, add the **Coconut** and cook until it starts to brown, about 2 more minutes, stirring frequently. Add the **Sweet Chili Sauce** and cook for one minute, then serve.

### Good to Know

#### Health Snapshot per serving (serves 2)

240 Calories, 5g Protein, 5g Fat, 10g Fiber 8 Smart Points

#### Have Questions?

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INGREDIENTS: Kale, Sweet Chili Sauce, Coconut

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**10** Minutes to the Table

**10** Minutes Hands On

## Quick Tips

Spicy Argentinean Black Beans+Rice

40 Min	20 Min	1 Whisk	
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy	
•	Preheat your oven to 450 and put water on to boil.		
	on partner for this dish.		

## Salmon with Lemon and Asparagus

25 Min	25 Min	2 Whisks		
to Table	Hands On	Easy		
Getting Started	No pre-work needed.			
Speed Tip	Cook the asparagus and salmon at the same time.			
	You'll need flour, butter, olive oil, salt and pepper.			
Southern Strata				
65 Min	5 Min	1 Whisk		
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy		
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Bistro Steak

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## Sweet Basil Chicken Tacos with French Style Slaw

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	25 Min	20 Min	1 Whisk		
_	to Table	Hands On	Super Easy		
	Getting Started	Set your oven to 400 and bring 2* cups of water to a boil.			
	Omnivore Option	We think this meal is great as is.			
		ur You'll need some olive oil, salt y and pepper.			

Her5 Roasted Chicken with Fingerling Potatoes					
65 Min 10 Min 1 Whisk					
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy			
Getting Started	<b>9</b> Preheat oven to 425.				
Meal Tip	Bacon would make this meal even more delicious.				

From Your You'll need 1 tbsp of flour Pantry per serving.

t arro with Sauteed Sprin	19
Asparagus and Roasted P	

45 Min	15 Min	1 Whisk
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy
•	Preheat over put water or	

- Omnivore We think this meal tastes Option great as is.
- From Your You'll need some olive oil, Pantry salt and pepper.

Green Quesadilla				
25 Min	5 Min	1 Whisk		
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy		
Getting Started	Preheat your oven to 400.			
Meal Tip	If you don't love spice, leave the poblanos out.			
From Your Pantry	You'll need some vegetable oil.			

Bangkok Basil Crunch Salad

5 Min	5 Min	1 Whisk
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy

Getting Toss and serve! Started meen

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Thai Coconut Kale

10 Min	10 Min	1 Whisk
to Table	Hands On	Super Easy

Getting All you'll need is a skillet. Started

Omnivore Bacon would make a great Option addition.

Getting This is toss and serve! Started

## Health Snapshot

Black Beans & Rice	Salmon with Lemon	Chicken Tacos	Bistro Steak with Pesto Penne	Cheddar Strata
947 Calories	751 Calories	660 Calories	69 Calories	741 Calories
34 g Protein	73 g Protein	46 g Protein	66 g Protein	25 g Protein
21 g Fat	39 g Fat	27 g Fat	35 g Fat	16 g Saturated Fat
161 g Carbs.	16 g Carbs.	70 g Carbs.	29 g Carbs.	5 g Sugars
34 g Fiber	4 g Fiber	8 g Fiber	2 g Fiber	10 g Fiber
149 mg Sod.	532 mg Sodium	1001 mg Sodium	886 mg Sod.	1233 mg Sodium
27 Smart Points	19 Smart Points	23 Smart Points	20 Smart Points	24 Smart Points
1069% Vitamin A	175% Vitamin B6	92% Vitamin C	74% Vit. B-12	35% Vitamin A
109% Folate	173% Vitamin	42% Vitamin A	62% Calcium	64% Calcium
122% Vitamin C.	B12	12% Vitamin B-6	36% Vitamin A	19% Vitamin B-6
	50% Vitamin E			

## Lighten Up Option

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<b>Rice Bowl</b>	<b>Salmon</b>	<b>Tacos</b>	<b>Penne</b>	<b>Strata</b>
No changes	No changes	½ coleslaw dressing, 1	3/4 sauce and no	½ bread, no cheese
947 Calories 21 g Fat 27 Smart Points	751 Calories 39 g Fat 19 Smart Points	less tortilla 490 Calories 15 g Fat 16 Smart Points	cheese 500 Calories 20 g Fat 15 Smart Points	495 Calories 20 g Fat 16 Smart Points

These are our best estimates for a single serving based on the recipes as written. The actual nutritional information may vary a bit. And, of course, if you have leftovers, the actual numbers will be lower.

## Health Snapshot

Bento Burrito	Herb Roasted Chicken	Farro with Asparagus	Green Quesadilla	Basil Crunch Salad	Thai Coconut Kale
683 Calories	388 Calories	777 Calories	805 Calories	570 Calories	240 Calories
23 g Protein	26 g Protein	18 g Protein	40 g Protein	5 Protein	5 g Protein
30 g Fat	14 g Fat	49 g Fat	40 g Fat	20 g Fat	5 g Fat
83 g Carbs.	29 g Carbs	77 g Carbs.	75 g Carbs.	70 g Carbs.	40 g Carbs.
5 g Fiber	6 g Saturated	14 g Fiber	10 g Fiber	20 g Fiber	10 g Fiber
2040 mg Sod.	Fat 727 ma Sodium	399 mg Sod.	1,625 mg Sod.	300 mg Sod.	50 mg Sod.
28 Smart Points	U	29 Smart Points	28 Smart Points	12 WW+ Points	8 Smart Points
	11 Smart Points				
140% Vitamin A		64% Folate	110% Vitamin A	440% Vitamin C	540% Vitamin A
21% Viamin. C	53% Vitamin C	36% Vit. C	80% Calcium	300% Vitamin A	140% Vitamin C
21% Calcium	18% Vitamin D 28% Vitamin b6	22% Calcium	30% Vitamin C	25% Calcium	20% Calcium

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<b>Bento Burrito</b> No Tortillas	Roasted Chicken No changes	Asparagus No cheese, ¾	<b>Quesadilla</b> 1 tortilla, ½ cheese	<b>Salad</b> No changes	<b>Thai Coconut</b> No changes
423 Calories 24 g Fat 14 Smart Points	388 Calories 14 g Fat 11 Smart Points	vinaigrette 620 Calories 20 g Fat 22 Smart Points	490 Calories 20 g Fat 18 Smart Points	570 Calories 20 g Fat 12 WW+ Points	240 Calories 5 g Fat 8 Smart Points