

# **Black bean Rice**

# **Ingredients**

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ¾ cup uncooked white rice
- 1½ cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 3½ cups canned black beans, drained
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional for heat)

# Instructions

### • Sauté Aromatics:

Heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan over **medium-high heat**.

Add the chopped onion and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently, for about **4 minutes**, or until the onion is soft and translucent.

## Toast the Rice:

Stir in the uncooked rice to coat it with the oil and aromatics.

Cook for **2 minutes**, stirring occasionally, to lightly toast the rice.

#### Simmer the Rice:

Pour in the vegetable broth and bring the mixture to a boil.

Once boiling, reduce the heat to **low**, cover, and simmer for **about 20 minutes**, or until the rice is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

# • Add the Beans & Spices:

Stir in the drained black beans, cumin, and cayenne pepper.

Cook for **2–3 minutes**, stirring occasionally, until the beans are warmed through.

#### Serve:

Fluff the rice with a fork and serve hot. Enjoy on its own or as a base for tacos, burritos, or bowls.