Quinoa Salad with Apricots, Basil and Pistachios

Total Time: 2 hr 55 min

Prep: 15 min Inactive: 2 hr 25 min

Cook: 15 min

Yield: 6 servings Level: Easy

NUTRITION INFO

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Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed and strained
- 2 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

Bring 2 cups water to a boil in a small saucepan (http://www.foodterms.com/encyclopedia/saucepan/over high heat. Stir in the quinoa. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook until the liquid is just absorbed

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- 12 dried apricots, finely diced, or 1/2 cup packed golden seedless raisins
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 5 cups packed baby arugula (about 5 ounces)
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil
- ✓ Juice of 1 large lemon (about 1/4 cup)
- ✓ 1/2 cup shelled lightly salted pistachios
- 3 ounces soft goat cheese, crumbled

ADD CHECKED ITEMS TO GROCERY LIST and the quinoa is moist and nearly tender, about 15 minutes.

Transfer the quinoa to a large bowl and immediately stir in the oil, apricots, 1 1/4 teaspoons salt and 3/4 teaspoon pepper. Set aside to cool slightly, about 20 minutes, stirring a couple times. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours.

When the quinoa is cool and ready to serve, stir in the arugula, basil

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