Moroccan squash & carrot stew w/ quinoa gluten free, vegan, low calorie, high in fiber, delicately satiating

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 350°F. If using an acorn squash, cut in half, remove insides, cover with 2 tbsp butter and cook for 45minutes -1 hour.

For stew /

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat.

Add onion; sauté until soft, stirring often, every 5 minutes. Add garlic; stir 1 minute. Mix in paprika and next 8 ingredients.

Add 1-cup water, tomatoes, chickpeas, and lemon juice; bring to a boil. Add squash & carrots.

Cover and simmer over medium-low heat until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes.

Season with salt & pepper to taste. (Prepare ahead of time for amazing leftovers!)

For quinoa/

Rinse quinoa; drain.

Melt butter with oil in large saucepan over medium heat.

Add onion and carrot. Cover; cook until vegetables begin to brown, stirring often, about 10 minutes.

Add garlic, salt, turmeric; sauté 1 minute. Add quinoa; stir 1 minute.

Add 4 cups water; bring to a boil and then reduce heat to medium-low. Cover & simmer until liquid is absorbed & quinoa is tender, about 15-20 minutes.

Stir in cilantro & mint. Spoon quinoa onto plate, forming well in center; spoon stew into well.

stew ingredients /

- 2 tbsp coconut oil or butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp sweet paprika
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- pinch of saffron
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups diced and drained tomatoes
- 15 ounces cooked chickpeas
- 3 cups 1-inch cubes peeled acorn or
- butternut squash
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 cups 3/4-inch chopped carrots

quinoa ingredients /

- 2 cups quinoa
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp coconut oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- ½ cup finely chopped peeled carrot
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 4 cups water
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 4 tsp chopped fresh mint

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