

Ayurveda and Women's Health

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Ayurvedic Kitchari Recipe - for balancing all three dosas V, P, and K

Effect: VPK=

Why? Cooking with mung beans and rice is very cleansing and nourishing to our bodies.

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup of yellow split mung beans
- 1/3 cup of red lentils
- 1/3 cup of roasted or aged white basmati rice
- 1/2 tablespoon of freshly grated ginger root
- 1 handful of chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp coriander powder
- 1 tsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp whole cumin seeds
- 1/2 tsp yellow mustard seeds
- · pinch asafoetida, hing
- 1/2 tsp sainday salt
- 2 to 3 curry leaves
- groundnut oil or olive oil
- ghee

Optional: If you have more heat, add 1 tbsp of coconut

If you have more cold, add 1 red mild chili pepper (whole, not cut).

If you are craving sour, add 1 tsp of amalaki powder

Directions

- 1. Dry roast the mung dahl /beans and rice in a pan until it smells slightly sweet.
- 2. Rinse both the mung dahl / bean and the rice in a pan until the water is clear.
- 3. Put olive oil or groundnut oil in the pan.
- 4. Add mustard and cumin seeds to the oil until they pop. Add other spices.
- 5. Sauté the spices in the oil.
- 6. Add dhal and rice to the spice / oil blend and continue to stir for another few minutes.
- 7. Once it starts to stick, add 6 to 8 cups of water. You can add more water also depending on the consistency you want to achieve.

- 8. Add salt.
- 9. Towards the end of the cooking, you can decide how soupy you want to make your kitchari.
- 10. Cook until it thoroughly cooked, both dhal and the rice are soft (about 20 to 40 mins.)
- 11. Add 1/8 tsp to 1 tsp of ghee and freshly cut cilantro leaves and serve.

Āyurvedic Vegetable Soup

Effect: VPK=

Why? Cooking with mung beans and water is very cleansing and cooling to our bodies. We can actually remove excess water from our bodies with this recipe.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp olive or sunflower oil
- 1/2 tsp coriander seeds or powder
- 2 Tbsp mung beans
- 1 to 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 carrot
- 1- 2 cups of chopped green beans, zucchini, celery, kale, and/or arugula
- 4 cups water
- 1 tsp salt

Directions

- 1. Warm the oil in a medium-sized saucepan
- 2. Add the cumin and coriander seeds or powder and sauté for 2-3 minutes.
- 3. Stir in mung beans, garlic and sauté for another 2-3 minutes.
- 4. Add the vegetables and stir.
- 5. Add water and bring to a boil.
- 6. Reduce to medium heat and cook for 1/2 hour or more. Add salt.
- 7. The longer you cook it, the more tender everything will be.
- 8. Serve and Enjoy!



Āyurvedic Vegetable Broth

Effect: VPK=

Why? When vegetables are cooked with water, clear vegetable broth can be very nourishing, slightly cleansing and healing for the body.

Ingredients

- 2 to 4 medium zucchini
- 1 pound string beans, ends trimmed
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 bunch parsley
- 1 bunch of cilantro
- 1 fennel bulb
- A pinch of hing / asafetida
- ½ tsp of turmeric powder
- ½ tsp of ginger powder
- 1 tsp of cumin seeds
- ½ to 1 tsp of salt
- 4 cups water
- Optional: 2 bulbs of chopped garlic, 1 small chopped leek

Instructions

- 1. Chop vegetables.
- 2. Place all ingredients including the spices in a pot and bring to a boil.
- 3. Skim any foam on the surface.
- 4. Lower the heat and simmer, covered until the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Optional: Puree soup in the pot with a handheld blender or in a blender in batches.
- 6. Add 1 tsp of ghee or olive on top and eat.



Āyurvedic Goat Broth

Effect: VPK=

Why? When goat meat, water and spices are cooked with water, goat broth is extremely nourishing and especially pacifying to VĀta.

Ingredients

1 cup of chopped goat meat

16 cups of water

1 tbsp chopped onions

1 tbsp chopped garlic

1 tbsp ginger powder

Optional: cumin seeds, coriander powder

Directions

- 1. Put all ingredients in a large pot cook on medium boil until it reduces to 8 cups.
- 2. Put in refrigerator.
- 3. If there a thick fat congealed on top, take off 1/2 amount.
- 4. If there is minimum fat on top, leave.
- 5. Store in glass jars in refrigerator and drink 1 cup per day.