

Eat and drink, but waste not by excess (Al-A'raf 31) Banu Atabay's Mütevazı Lezzetler® Turkish cooking recipes

Star Pilaf



2 cups rice
1/2 cup sunflower oil
3 carrots
1 cup canned green peas
3 pieces of chicken fillet
3 cups broth
1 tsp salt

Firstly, boil the chicken, rest the rice in salty warm water for 1 hour. Add canned green peas and thickly grated carrots in it.

Put some of the oil into a pot which has a flat layer, lay it to whole floor. Cut the chicken pieces horizontally and place them onto the floor of the pot as star.

Add the mixture of canned green peas and carrots onto the chicken pieces, add some oil and half of the salt on it.

Add the rice which is rested in water and then washed a few times to remove the starch over them, into the pot by forcing on it a little.

Add the remaining oil, salt and broth onto the mixture charily for not to loose the shape of the rice. Cover the lid of the pot.

Firstly cook the pilaf over medium heat for 5 minutes, then cook it over low heat for 1 minutes. (22 minutes total.) Place a paper towel between the pot and its lid and rest the pilaf for 1 hour.

#At the end of the resting time, force onto the pilaf gently by a spoon to make it stand firmly. Then reverse the pilaf over a flat service plate to serve.

Note: Roasted onion may be added into the star pilaf, if you wish.