

Mexican Rice

This is a simple but delicious side-dish for enchiladas, chilli or any Mexican meal. It even works really well as a hot dish to serve at a barbeque! **serves 4-6**

- 250g/8oz easy-cook rice (yes, here it is definitely better!), just cooked (this is the dry weight)
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp mexican spices or smoked paprika
- 1 onion, very finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 can beans (kidney, black bean, etc), drained
- 1 red or green bell pepper, diced
- other optional ingredients: small can of sweetcorn; diced courgette
- chopped coriander to serve
- 1. Fry the onion in the oil until soft, then add the garlic, spices and any other ingredients used.
- 2. Cook until the vegetables are still crisp.
- 3. Stir in the rice, season well and heat through.
- 4. Serve warm or cold, with a sprinkling of chopped fresh coriander stirred through.