

## **Un-Stuffed Pepper Skillet**

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 30 minutes | Total: 40 minutes

Yield: 4 servings | Serving Size: 1½ cups

## **Ingredients**

1 pound (16 ounces) lean ground turkey or chicken (90% lean or higher)

½ cup uncooked quick-cooking brown rice

1 (14.5-ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes

1 (8-ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce

1 cup (8 ounces) low-sodium beef broth

1 medium yellow or orange bell pepper, diced (about 1 cup)

1 medium red bell pepper, diced (about 1 cup)

1 medium onion, diced (about 1 cup)

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning blend

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Dash cayenne (optional)

34 cup shredded Italian or cheddar cheese

## **Directions**

- 1. Heat a large skillet or sauté pan over medium-high heat.
- 2. Add the ground turkey or chicken. Cook until no longer pink, about 6-8 minutes, breaking it up as it cooks.
- 3. Add the rice and cook, stirring often, for about 2 minutes.
- 4. Add the diced tomatoes with their juice, tomato sauce, broth, bell peppers, onion, brown sugar, Italian seasoning, black pepper, and cayenne (if using). Stir to combine.
- 5. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to maintain a simmer.
- 6. Cover the pan with a lid and cook for the amount of time listed on the rice package. Stir every 5-10 minutes while the rice cooks.
- 7. When the rice is tender, turn off the heat and sprinkle the cheese over the top.
- 8. Cover the pan with the lid and let sit until the cheese melts, about 5 minutes.
- 9. Serve warm.

## **Recipe Notes**

For a Tex-Mex flavor, try substituting salsa for the tomato sauce and taco seasoning for the Italian seasoning.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 420 | Total Fat: 18 g | Saturated Fat: 7 g Sodium: 260 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 33 g | Dietary Fiber: 6 g | Protein: 32 g

