

## **Asparagus and Spinach Risotto**

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

Yield: 4 servings | Serving Size: 1 cup

## Ingredients

- 4 cups (32 ounces) low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup uncooked Arborio (risotto) rice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼-½ teaspoon ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups fresh spinach
- 1 pound asparagus, cut into bite-sized pieces (about ½- to 1-inch-long)
- ¼ cup grated or shredded parmesan cheese
- 1-2 tablespoons lemon juice or white wine vinegar (optional)

## Directions

- 1. Add the broth to a large saucepan or stockpot and bring to a simmer over high heat, then reduce the heat to low.
- 2. Place a separate large skillet or sauté pan on a different burner over medium heat.
- 3. Add the oil to the pan and heat until shimmering.
- 4. Add the onion to the pan with the oil and cook until softened, about 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 5. Add the rice to the pan with the onion and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.
- 6. Add ½ cup of the hot broth, salt and pepper. Bring to simmer and cook, stirring constantly, until the broth is absorbed.
- 7. Continue adding the hot broth about ½ cup at a time and cook, stirring constantly, until it is absorbed before adding more. Cook until all the broth has been added and absorbed, about 17-20 minutes, adding the asparagus once you have added about half of the broth.
- Add the spinach and cook, stirring often, until wilted, about 2-3 minutes.
- 9. Stir in the parmesan cheese and lemon juice or vinegar (if using), then serve warm.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 145 | Total Fat: 5.5 g | Saturated Fat: 2.5 g Sodium: 355 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 15 g | Dietary Fiber: 2.5 g | Protein: 8 g



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