Moroccan Chicken Stew

24 Servings

Ingredients

9 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste 1/3 cup canola or vegetable oil

2-1/2 pounds onions, thinly sliced (about 12 cups)

2-1/4 pounds carrots, thinly sliced on the diagonal (about 6 cups)

3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons ground cumin

1 tablespoon turmeric

2 teaspoons dried red pepper flakes

1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

12 cups chicken stock

3-1/2 pounds zucchini, thinly sliced (about 12 cups)

3 pounds (9 cups) cooked garbanzo beans, well drained

3 pounds (9 cups) Pacific Northwest Canned Pears, diced, in juice, drained

1/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

Method

Cut the chicken thighs crosswise in 2 to 3 pieces each, depending upon size. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

Pacific Northwest Canned Pears

Always ripe. Always ready.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and brown on all sides. Remove the chicken from the pan and add the onions and carrots, sauteéing until the onions begin to soften, about 10 minutes.

Stir in the flour, cumin, tumeric, pepper flakes and cinnamon before adding the chicken stock gradually, while stirring constantly. Bring the mixture to a boil and add the chicken, zucchini, garbanzo beans and pear. Simmer until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are tender-crisp, about 10 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat, stir in the lemon juice and season to taste with additional salt and pepper. Serve immediately, with hot rice.

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Makes 24 (1-1/3 cup) servings

Nutrition

Calories Calories from Fat 179 Fat 20g Saturated Fat Cholesterol 113mg Sodium 901mg Carbohydrate 56g Dietary Fiber 13g Sugar 16g Protein 45g 297% DV Vitamin A Vitamin C 22% DV Calcium 11% DV Potassium 28% DV 36% DV Iron