SWEET POTATO, KALE, AND BROWN RICE SCRAMBLE

Vata ↓, Pitta ↓, Kapha ↑

Serves: 3 to 4 / Prep Time: 10 minutes / Cook Time: 45 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 3 1/4 cups of water or chicken broth, divided
- 11/2 cups of brown rice
- 1 large sweet potato, chopped
- 4 to 5 large kale leafs, stemmed and chopped
- 1 to 3 tablespoons sesame oil, divided (substituted with coconut oil or olive oil)
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon brown mustard seeds
- Pinch cayenne pepper (omit Pitta types)
- 2 eggs (optional)
- 2 teaspoons ume plum vinegar or soy sauce (optional)
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Place 3 cups of water (or broth) in the sauce pan and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add the rice and turn the heat down to low-medium. Cook, mostly covered, for 30 to 40 minutes. Once the rice is cooked, cover the pan and let it sit for 5 minutes to soften and fluff up.
- 2. While this is cooking, begin to prepare the veggies. Chop the sweet potato, about 1/2 inch cubed. Do not peel! The skin has lots of nutrients too!
- 3. After rinsing off the kale, cut length-wise down each side of the stem to remove it. Take the remaining kale leafs and cut them horizontally at about a 1/2 inch of thickness.
- 4. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of sesame oil into the sauté pan and turn the heat to medium. Add the cumin seeds, mustard seeds, pepper, and cayenne (if used) and sauté for about 2 minutes. Stir frequently until the seeds begin to pop.
- 5. Add in the sweet potato and 1/4 of water (or broth) and stir well. On a low-medium heat, cover, and cook for 10 minutes. Check and stir every 2 to 3 minutes.
- 6. After 10 minutes, add the kale and stir until everything is evenly coated with oil and spices. Cover and cook for 5 minutes. Stir halfway through.
- 7. After the veggies are thoroughly cooked, place them in a bowl and set them aside. Using the same sauté pan, add 1 to 2 teaspoons of sesame oil. Add the eggs (if used) and scramble over a medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes, or until they are fully cooked. Stir every 1 to 2 minutes.

- 8. Once the eggs are cooked, add the sautéed sweet potatoes and kale back into the pan. Add the cooked brown rice. Mix everything together until it is evenly blended.
- 9. In a small bowl, mix 1 to 2 tablespoons of sesame oil with 2 teaspoons of ume plum vinegar or soy sauce (if used). Add a dash of cayenne pepper and stir. Note: If you do not use the ume or soy sauce, more salt may be needed to compensate. If you are Kapha by nature, these salty substances should be used minimally.
- 10. Add this mixture to the scramble and stir until the sauce has evenly coated the entire dish. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 11. Serve, share, nourish, and enjoy in good company.