Burrito Bowl with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

Serves 6



Ingredients:

For the rice:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ½ red onion, diced small
- 1 teaspoon taco seasoning spice mix
- 1 cup brown rice
- 2 cups water

For the filling:

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- · 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 ½ teaspoons taco seasoning spice mix, divided
- 2 sweet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into ½inch cubes
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 orange bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 15-ounce can low-sodium black beans, drained and rinsed
- Juice of 1 lime

For the cilantro lime vinaigrette:

- ½ cup neutral oil (canola, vegetable)
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 clove garlic
- 5 scallions
- ½ cup cilantro, tightly packed
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Optional toppings:

 Lettuce ribbons, diced tomatoes, sliced or diced avocado, chopped scallion greens, cilantro leaves, yogurt, and/or anything in your refrigerator!

Taco Seasoning Spice Mix:

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne or red pepper flakes

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Instructions:

- 1. For the brown rice, add the olive oil to a medium saucepot over medium-high heat. Stir in the onions and sauté until translucent, about 3 minutes.
- 2. Add the rice and 1 teaspoon of the spice mix and stir into the onions for 30 more seconds to toast the grains. Stir in the water and bring the liquid to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pot, and simmer for 40 minutes until the liquid is absorbed and the grains are tender. Fluff with a fork and taste for doneness.
- 3. For the filling: Preheat oven to 375°F. Optional: line two sheet pans with foil or parchment paper.
- 4. Set the chicken thighs on one sheet pan, drizzle with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle with half of the remaining taco seasoning mix.
- 5. In a large mixing bowl, drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil over the sweet potato, sliced peppers, and onion, add the rest of the taco seasoning spice mix, and toss until evenly coated.
- 6.On the second sheet pan, spread the prepared vegetables in a thin layer to cook evenly. Place the sheet pans in the oven. Roast the chicken for 25-30 minutes, until a thermometer reads 165°F when inserted into the meat. Roast the vegetables for 20-25 minutes, or until the sweet potatoes are fork tender.
- 7. Toss drained and rinsed black beans with the roasted vegetables to warm slightly. Squeeze the fresh lime juice over the prepared vegetables. Set aside until ready to assemble bowls.
- 8. Use two forks to shred the chicken. Cover to keep warm until ready to assemble.
- 9. For the cilantro lime vinaigrette, combine all of the measured ingredients for the dressing into a tall-sided container, if using an immersion blender, or into a blender. Blend the ingredients together until smooth. Taste and adjust seasoning, if needed.
- 10. To assemble, scoop about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup rice into the bottom of a bowl. Add about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup scoop of the roasted vegetables and beans and about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of shredded chicken. Top with optional lettuce ribbons, tomatoes, avocado, scallion greens, or yogurt, and a drizzle of vinaigrette.

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Serving Size 1 Serving Amount Per Serving		
	% Dai	ily Value'
Total Fat	27.5 g	35 %
Saturated Fat	4.6 g	23 %
Trans Fat	0.1 g	
Cholesterol	96.8 mg	32 %
Sodium	449 mg	20 %
Total Carbohydrate	58.5 g	21 %
Dietary Fiber	12.8 g	46 %
Total Sugars	8.4 g	
Added Sugars	1 g	2 %
Protein	30.8 g	
Vitamin D	0.2 mcg	1 %
Calcium	97.4 mg	7 %
Iron	4.4 mg	25 %
Potassium	1200.3 mg	26 %