# Purple Barley "Fried Rice"

with Marinated Apple

TIME: 40-50 minutes SERVINGS: 2

Classic fried rice gets a few exciting updates in this recipe. Instead of rice, we're using purple barley—a unique grain with hearty texture and striking color. For a seasonal finish, we're topping off each bowl with crisp, sweet marinated apple.



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## **Ingredients**



l cup PURPLE PRAIRIE BARLEY



 $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \text{SCALLIONS} \end{array}$ 



CAGE-FREE FARM EGGS

6 oz

**CARROTS** 



10 oz BABY BOK CHOY



1 clove GARLIC

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2 Tbsps SOY SAUCE



1 1-inch piece GINGER



1 Tbsp SESAME OIL



1 Tbsp MIRIN



1 Tbsp SAMBAL OELEK



3 Tbsps ROASTED PEANUTS





APPLE













### 1 Cook the barley:

☐ Heat a medium pot of salted water to boiling on high. Once boiling, add the **barley** and cook, uncovered, 32 to 34 minutes, or until tender. Drain thoroughly.

## 2 Prepare the ingredients:

☐ Core and small dice the **apple**.

☐ Cut off and discard the root ends of the **scallions**; thinly slice, separating the white bottoms and green tops.

Peel and finely chop the **garlic** and **ginger**. Peel the **carrots**; thinly slice into rounds.

☐ Cut off and discard the root end of the **bok choy**; roughly chop.

Crack the eggs into a bowl; season with salt and pepper. Beat until smooth.

☐ Roughly chop the **peanuts**.

### 3 Marinate the apple:

☐ While the barley continues to cook, in a medium bowl, combine the diced apple, mirin, sliced white bottoms of the scallions, and half the sesame oil. Season with salt and pepper.

☐ Set aside to marinate, stirring occasionally, for at least 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

#### 4 Cook the vegetables:

☐ While the apple marinates, in a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot. Add the **chopped garlic and ginger** and **sliced carrots**; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes, or until slightly softened.

☐ Add the **chopped bok choy**. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes, or until the leaves are wilted.

# 5 Add the eggs:

☐ Using a spoon, move the **cooked vegetables** to one side of the pan.

Add the **remaining sesame oil** to the other side; add the **beaten eggs**.

Cook, constantly stirring the eggs, 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until cooked through.

☐ Stir the vegetables and eggs to thoroughly combine. Transfer to a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Wipe out the pan.

## 6 Finish & serve your dish:

☐ In the same pan, heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot. Add the **cooked barley** in an even layer. Cook, without stirring, 2 to 3 minutes, or until slightly crispy.

Turn off the heat. Stir in the soy sauce and as much of the sambal oelek as you'd like, depending on how spicy you'd like the dish to be.

Transfer to the bowl of **cooked vegetables and eggs**; stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve the finished barley topped with the marinated apple, chopped peanuts, and sliced green tops of the scallions. Enjoy!