

Quinoa Enchilada Casserole

Submitted by PEHP Member Valerie K. Recipe Source: www.damndelicious.net Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 (10 oz) can mild enchilada sauce
- 1 (4.5 oz) can chopped green chilies, drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn kernels, frozen, canned, or roasted
- $^{1\!\!/_2}$ cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cumin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp chili powder
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- ³/₄ cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 avocado, halved, seeded, peeled, and diced
- 1 Roma tomato, diced

Steps:

- In a large saucepan of 2 cups water, cook quinoa according to package instructions. Set aside.
- Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly oil and 8x8 or 2-quart baking dish or coat with nonstick spray.
- In a large bowl, combine the cooked quinoa, enchilada sauce, green chilies, corn, black beans, cilantro, cumin, and chili powder. Season with salt and pepper.
- Stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cheddar cheese and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mozzarella cheese.
- Spread quinoa mixture into the prepared baking dish. Top with remaining cheeses. Place into oven and bake until bubbly and cheeses have melted, about 15 minutes.
- Serve immediately, garnished with avocado and tomato.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: Sub a pepper-jack cheese for the mozzarella if you want more of a kick! Using extra sharp cheddar cheese will allow you to use less than the recipe calls for because you'll get more flavor.