

As Constance Kabaziga, from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, taught Lindsay Sterling in Freeport, ME.

Note: A mild, fragrant companion to flavorful meat and vegetable dishes. Constance served this with boiled green bananas in sauce, fried beef triangles, fried ripe plantains, beans, and goat meat in sauce.

Makes: 6-8 servings as a side dish

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 scallion, rinsed and sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 2 cups rice
- olive oil
- salt
- hot water

Instructions

- 1. Soak, massage, and strain rice three times so the powdery milk in the water goes away.
- 2. Cover bottom of pot with olive oil, and saute rice, stirring, for about 5 minutes so the toasting-rice-fragrance reaches your nose, but no browning happens.
- 3. Add hot water to cover the rice by half an inch, add 1 tsp salt, and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add scallions, turn heat to low, and cover with lid. Rice is ready in twenty minutes.