



# How to Make Basic White Rice

Total: 25 mins

Prep: 5 mins

Cook: 20 mins

Yield: 6 (1/2-cup) servings rice

You don't need a rice cooker to make rice. Use this recipe to make basic white rice with a saucepan and it will come out perfectly every time if you follow the instructions.

Just remember this ratio—2 cups of water for every 1 cup of uncooked rice equals 3 cups of cooked rice.

Plain white rice is a blank canvas to which you can add countless ingredients. See the variation suggestions below.

## Ingredients

1 cup uncooked white rice (rinsed and drained)

2 cups water

1/2 teaspoon salt

## Steps to Make It

- 01 Gather the ingredients.
- 02 Rinse the rice until the water runs clear. Drain in a colander and set aside.
- 03 In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add the salt, stir, and then add the rinsed and drained rice. Stir with a fork.
- 04 Reduce the heat, cover the rice, and let it simmer for 20 minutes, checking after 15 minutes to see if all the water has evaporated. If it has, the rice is ready. If not, replace the lid and let the rice simmer an additional 5 minutes.
- 05 Remove from heat, fluff with a fork, and turn out into a serving dish. Alternatively, add 1 tablespoon butter to the rice in the pot, add chopped parsley or another herb, stir, and then turn out into a serving dish.
- 06 Serve and enjoy!

## Recipe Variations

- Use stock instead of water.
- Add 1 tablespoon butter or oil to the water when it comes to a boil.
- Add chopped parsley or chopped fresh herbs to the cooked rice while still in the saucepan.
- Top the cooked rice in the serving dish with finely chopped green onions or chopped chives.
- Add frozen peas to the cooked rice while still in the saucepan and let the residual heat from the rice thaw the peas.

## You Also Might Like

These recipes are all variations of the basic white rice recipe above:

- Stovetop Korean Rice Recipe
- Caribbean Rice and Beans Recipe
- Yellow Rice with Corn Recipe
- Spicy Mexican Rice Recipe
- Black Beans and Yellow Rice Recipe

Here are recipes for cooking different types of rice and with different techniques:

- How to Cook Brown Rice
- How to Cook Rice in the Oven
- Basic Rice Pilaf Recipe
- How to Make Risotto