

# **EASY BUT ELEGANT RISOTTO**

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## **Ingredients**

- 2 Tbsp. butter or trans-fat free spread
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 ½ cups Arborio rice
- 3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 8 thick asparagus, cut in 1-inch pieces
- ½ lb. medium shrimp, shelled and halved lengthwise
- ½ lb. mussels, rinsed and drained, for garnish
- Salt and freshly ground white pepper
- ¼ cup freshly grated Grana or Parmesan cheese

## **Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
2. In a deep, oven-proof skillet, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and rice.
3. Stir until onion is translucent and rice is opaque, about 2 minutes.
4. Add the lemon juice and cook until evaporated, stirring constantly.
5. Pour in the broth and 1 cup water. Remove from heat.
6. Cover with a large sheet of foil, pressing it down to touch the surface of liquid. Seal the foil around the rim of the pan. Cover pan with a tight lid.
7. Bake the risotto 25 minutes.
8. Meanwhile, boil 1 cup water in a medium saucepan. Add the asparagus and cook 2 minutes. Transfer the asparagus to a bowl.
9. Add the shrimp to the pot. When pink and curled, add them to the bowl.
10. Place the mussels in the pot, cover and cook until opened, about 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.
11. Remove the risotto from the oven and place it on top of the stove. Slowly peel off the foil, starting from the side furthest from you. Mix in the cheese, asparagus and shrimp. (Use oven mitts to prevent steam burns.)
12. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in shallow soup bowls or plates, using the mussels as garnish.

Makes 4 servings

### **Nutritional information per serving (4 servings)**

Calories	279	Sodium	570 mg
Total fat	8 g	Protein	19 g
Saturated fat	5 g	Dietary fiber	1 g
Carbohydrate	32 g		

