

# **CHEESY TEX-MEX STUFFED PEPPERS**

with Rice, Black Beans, Pickled Red Onion & Creamy Guac





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#### **PICKLED ONION**

Marinating this awesome allium mellows its raw bite and provides a tangy punch.

## **HOT STUFF**

To safely stuff your freshly roasted peppers, use tongs to hold them in place.

## **BUST OUT**

• Baking sheet

- Zester
- 2 Small bowls Large pan
- Small pot
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Sugar (¼ tsp | ½ tsp)
- Cooking oil (2 tsp | 2 tsp)
- (1 tsp | 1 tsp) (1 tsp | 3 (5) • Butter (1 TBSP) (2 TBSP) Contains: Milk



### **4 MAKE CREAMY GUAC**

 In a second small bowl, combine guacamole, sour cream, and a pinch of lime zest. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

 Heat a drizzle of oil in a large pan over
 medium-high heat. Add beef\* or turkey\*; season with salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up meat into pieces, until browned and cooked through, 4-6 minutes. Turn off heat; transfer to a

plate. Wipe out pan.



# **1 PREP & PICKLE ONION**

- Adjust rack to top position and preheat oven to 425 degrees. **Wash and dry produce.**
- Halve, peel, and thinly slice ¼ of the onion; dice remaining onion. Zest and quarter lime (for 4 servings, zest one lime and quarter both). Halve green peppers lengthwise; remove stems and seeds. Dice tomato and season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine sliced onion, juice from half the lime, ¼ tsp sugar (½ tsp for 4), and a pinch of salt. Microwave until onion is bright pink, 30 seconds. Set aside to pickle.



 In a small pot, combine rice, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup water (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups for 4 servings), 1 tsp Southwest Spice Blend (2 tsp for 4), and a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce to a low simmer. Cook until rice is tender, 15-18 minutes. (You'll use the rest of the Southwest Spice Blend in Step 5.)

• Keep covered off heat until ready to use in Step 5.



#### **3 ROAST PEPPERS**

- While rice cooks, place green peppers on a baking sheet and rub all over with a drizzle of oil. Season with salt and pepper, then arrange cut sides down.
- Roast on top rack until browned and softened, 15-18 minutes.



## **5 MAKE FILLING**

- Heat a drizzle of oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add diced onion and a pinch of salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, 3-4 minutes.
- Stir in beans and their liquid, Tex-Mex paste, and remaining Southwest Spice Blend. Bring to a simmer; cook until liquid is absorbed and beans are softened, 4-6 minutes.
- Fluff rice with a fork and stir in remaining lime zest and 1 TBSP butter (2 TBSP for 4 servings). Stir into bean mixture; taste and season with salt and pepper.
- Use pan used for beef or turkey here. Stir
  beef or turkey into bean mixture along with rice.



# **6 STUFF PEPPERS**

- Once green peppers are done roasting, remove sheet from oven. Carefully stuff with about half the filling (save the rest for serving). Evenly sprinkle with Mexican cheese blend.
- Return to top rack; bake until cheese melts, 3-4 minutes.



### 7 SERVE

 Divide remaining filling between plates. Top with stuffed peppers, creamy guac, tomato, and as much pickled onion (draining first) as you like. Finish with a squeeze of lime juice. Serve with any remaining lime wedges on the side.

*Ground Beef is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 160°.	
S <sup>*</sup> Ground Turkey is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 165°	

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