

For 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

Rice

 $$400\ g$$ basmati rice $$400\ ml$$ water; 1 tsp salt, 5 g

Tahdig:

1 tsp saffron threads; 3 egg yolks; 250 g yogurt; 70 ml sunflower oil; 1 tsp rose water, 5 ml; 12 g salt

Fesenjan:

600 g chicken thighs
250 g onions, chopped
30 ml sunflower oil
110 g walnuts, ground
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
300 ml pomegranate juice,
unsweetened; 200 ml chicken
stock; 1 tsp salt, 5 g

Garnish:

90 g fresh pomegranate arils, around 1/2 pc

In addition:

Sunflower oil to coat round dish 80 g dried tart cranberries, cut in half

PREPARATION

- 1. Place rice, water and salt in the round ovenproof dish and cover with a lid. Cook as indicated.
- 2. For the tahdig, combine saffron and 2 tbsp hot water in a large bowl. Let sit 10 minutes to allow saffron to steep and draw out as much color as possible. Whisk in egg yolks, yogurt, oil, rose water and salt.
- 3. Add rice over yogurt mixture and gently toss to coat very well all the rice grains. Wash up and dry the ovenproof dish.
- 4. Coat the round dish with oil. Add half of rice mixture and use a measuring cup to gently press rice into dish.
- 5. Scatter half of dried cranberries over and top with remaining rice. Press down again, this time more firmly, for easy unmolding. Cover and set aside.
- 6. Rinse the chicken thighs under cold water and pat dry. Remove the skin and debone. Cut into 4 x 2 cm sized pieces. Set aside.
- 7. Peel and chop onions finely.
- 8. Place onions and olive oil in an ovenproof rectangular dish. Cook as indicated.
- 9. When the onions are cooked, add the chicken. Cook as indicated.
- 10. Add the ground walnuts and all the spices. Stir and cook as indicated.
- 11. Add all the pomegranate juice, chicken stock and salt.
- 12. Place the rice tahdig, previously prepared, in the oven and bake simultaneously with the chicken, as indicated.
- 13. Let the rice cool for about 10 minutes. Loosen the rice around the edges using the point of a knife.

 Place a large plate on top and invert rice onto plate like a cake. Scatter remaining dried cranberries over top.
- 14. Top the fesenjan with fresh pomegranate arils and serve together with the tahdig.



Setting procedure with your varioSpeed Oven.

60 cm Oven

For the rice: Ovenproof dish with lid on wire rack – level 2; Microwave 600 W; Cooking time: 9 minutes

For the onions, chicken and ground walnuts with spices: Ovenproof dish on wire rack – level 2; Microwave combination: Hot Air Grill/180 °C/360 W; Cook onion: 12 minutes, after adding chicken: 8 minutes, after adding walnuts: 6 minutes; Total cooking time: 24 minutes

For the tahdig and fesenjan: Ovenproof dish with fesenjan and round ovenproof dish with lid for tahdig on wire rack – level 2; Microwave combination: 4D Hot Air/210 °C/360 W; Cooking time: 50 minutes

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For the rice: as 60 cm oven, except ovenproof dish with lid on wire rack – level 1

For the onions, chicken and ground walnuts with spices: as 60 cm oven, except ovenproof dish on wire rack level 1; Cook onion: 10 minutes; After adding chicken: 7 minutes; After adding walnuts: 5 minutes; Total cooking time: 22 minutes

For the tahdig and fesenjan: as 60 cm oven, except ovenproof dish with fesenjan and round ovenproof dish with lid with tahdig on wire rack – level 1

Total time saving with varioSpeed: 91 or 94* min.

Alternative settings (conventional heating function)

60 cm Oven:

For the rice: Ovenproof bowl with a lid, on wire rack – level 4 ;2D Hot Air 200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; Cooking time: 24 minutes

For the onions, chicken and ground walnuts: Ovenproof dish on wire rack – level 2; Hot Air Grilling 210° C; Cook onion: 22 minutes, after adding chicken: 15 minutes, after adding walnuts: 14 minutes; Total cooking time: 51 minutes

For the tahdig and fesenjan: Ovenproof dish with fesenjan and round ovenproof dish with lid, with tahdig on wire rack – level 4;2D Hot Air 200 °C; Cooking time: 100 minutes (1 h 40 minutes)

45 cm Oven:

For the rice: like 60 cm oven, but Ovenproof bowl with a lid, on wire rack – level 1

For the onions, chicken and ground walnuts: like 60 cm oven, but Ovenproof dish on wire rack – level 1

For the tahdig and fesenjan: ike 60 cm oven, but Ovenproof dish with fesenjan and round ovenproof dish with lid, with tahdig on wire rack – level 1 $\,$