Rice, Beans and Roasted Veggies
Serves 4

Ingredients:
1 cup black beans (canned low-sodium or no added salt, drained)
1 cup uncooked rice (e.g. brown or white)
1 ¾ cups water or stock
Salt and pepper to taste
Optional: fresh parsley and lemon

For Roasted Vegetables:
2 bell peppers (sliced or cut into 1-inch chunks)
½ onion (sliced or cut into 1-inch chunks)
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tsp garlic powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions:
1. Prepare Rice: Follow instructions on packaging. When cooked, fluff with a fork and serve warm.
2. Prepare Roasted Vegetables: In a medium bowl, combine peppers, onions, herbs/spices, and oil. Transfer to baking sheet and roast at 350°F for ~30 minutes until soft and brown. Remove from oven and set aside.
3. Combine rice, beans, and vegetables in serving bowl. Optional: top with chopped fresh parsley, add a squeeze of lemon.

Nutrition Tips:
1. Rice can be made more flavorful and nutrient-rich by cooking with low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock.
2. Personalize this recipe by swapping out the veggies listed above for other non-starchy roasted vegetables you enjoy!

Source:
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