

# Lemon Chai Brussels Sprouts Over Pearl Couscous

We crave the sunny flavors of the Mediterranean this time of year. One bite of this gem, and we were transported. The magic comes from lemon-chai vinaigrette, which has a depth of flavor that pairs perfectly with crispy Brussels sprouts. We're serving it over pearl couscous with feta and walnuts.

20 Minutes to the Table

10 Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk *Super Easy*

## Getting Organized

### EQUIPMENT

Rimmed  
Baking Sheet  
Saucepan

### FROM YOUR

### PANTRY

Olive Oil  
Salt & Pepper

### 5 MEEZ

### CONTAINERS

Brussels Sprouts  
Couscous  
Lemon Chai  
Vinaigrette  
Feta Cheese  
Walnuts

## Make The Meal Your Own

**Integrate into recipe:** While the brussels sprouts are roasting in step 2, cook the protein (per instructions below) and then slice into strips (*shred the chicken, flake the salmon, leave shrimp whole*) and serve on top of the couscous before topping with the Feta and Walnuts.

**Cook protein:** Lightly sprinkle the protein with salt & pepper. Heat a large skillet with 1-2 Tbsp olive oil on medium-high heat (*high for steak*.) When the oil is hot, cook the protein until the:

CHICKEN is crisp and brown, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Let rest for 5 minutes.

STEAK bottoms are brown and sides start to color, about 4 minutes per side for medium (3 min for med-rare and 5-6 min for well done.) Let rest for 5 minutes.

SALMON is crisp and brown, about 4 minutes per side. Let rest for 5 minutes.

SHRIMP are opaque and no longer grey in color, about 1 minute per side.

## Good To Know

This meal is low in carbs but to turn it into a fully **Carb Conscious version with only 24g of carbs per serving**, use half the couscous. **If you're making the vegan version**, we're skipping the feta. Add an extra pinch of salt. **If you're making the gluten-free version**, bring 2.5 cups of water to a boil, add the quinoa and a dash of salt. Cover and lower the heat to a simmer. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes, until the grain blooms and most of the liquid is absorbed. Fluff it up and let it sit covered for 5 minutes more.

**Health snapshot per serving** – 865 Calories, 19g Protein, 10g Fiber, 44g Carbs, 29 Smart Points

**Lightened up snapshot** – 515 Calories, 37g Fat and 17 Smart Points with ½ the cheese, nuts and vinaigrette.

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INGREDIENTS: Brussels Sprouts, Couscous, Feta Cheese, Vegetable Oil, Walnuts, Lemon, Green Onions, Brown Sugar, Garlic, Herbs & Spices

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### 1. **Get Organized**

Preheat your oven to 400 and put a saucepan of water on to boil.

### 2. **Roast the Brussels Sprouts**

Put the **Brussels Sprouts** on to a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper. Toss well, then arrange in a single layer and bake until brown and crispy, 12 to 15 minutes.

### 3. **Cook the Couscous**

While the sprouts are cooking, salt your boiling water generously and add the **Couscous**. Cook until al dente, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain, return to the saucepan and set aside until the sprouts are done cooking.

### 4. **Put It All Together**

When the sprouts are done, add them to the saucepan with the couscous and stir in the **Lemon-Chai Vinaigrette**. Heat over medium until warm throughout, about 2 minutes.

Top with the **Feta Cheese** and **Walnuts** and enjoy!

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Instructions for two servings.

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