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## *Quinoa with Cranberry and Toasted Almonds*

Serves 4

### **Ingredients:**

2 cups water or low-sodium broth  
1 cup quinoa  
1 cup cherry tomatoes (cut in half)  
½ cup Dried cranberries  
½ cup sliced almonds (optional: toasted)  
Optional: ½ cup goat cheese (crumbled), 1 avocado (sliced)



### **Directions:**

1. Cook quinoa: Combine dry quinoa and liquid in saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook until the quinoa is done (~15 minutes). Drain off excess liquid if necessary.
2. Transfer cooked quinoa into a large bowl. Fluff with a fork. Mix in dried cranberries, almonds, and optional ingredients.

### **Nutrition Tips:**

1. Cooking quinoa in a low-sodium broth versus plain water is one way to add flavor to this otherwise “nutty” tasting grain.
2. Quinoa is a whole grain, meaning it contains a nutrient-rich bran, germ and endosperm.
3. Quinoa is also one of the few plant-based “complete protein” sources, containing adequate portions of the nine essential amino acids necessary in the human diet.
4. Consider including quinoa in your meals as an alternative to rice, barley, or couscous.

### **Source:**

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