

## Breakfast Couscous with Dried-Fruit Compote

11/4 cups water

3 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar

11/2 cups mixed dried fruit (e.g.,

apricots, cherries, cranberries,

and apples), chopped if large

1 tea bag black tea

1 to 3 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1 cup couscous

3 tablespoon unsalted butter

11/2 cups boiling water

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

**Optional:** Chopped toasted almonds and warm milk for

drizzling

Yields 4 servings.

## Compote

Simmer water, sugar and fruit in a small saucepan over medium heat, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until liquid just starts to become syrupy, about 8 minutes. Add tea bag and let steep off heat while making couscous.

## Couscous

Cook couscous in butter in a heavy medium saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring, until pale golden, about 2 minutes. Off heat, stir in water, cinnamon, and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Cover tightly. Let stand 5 minutes, then fluff.

To serve, squeeze tea bag and discard, then add lemon juice to compote. Serve couscous in bowls, topped with compote.

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