

EQUIPMENT:

- Weighing scales
- Mixing bowl
- Measuring jug
- Wooden spoon
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- Large plate or clean tea towel
- Colander
- Chopping board
- Sharp knife
- Can opener
- Sieve
- Garlic crusher
- Grater
- Juice squeezer
- Small bowl or jar with tight fitting lid
- Whisk
- Serving bowl

INGREDIENTS:

- 200g couscous
- 250ml boiling water
- 1 red or orange pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 2 tomatoes
- 3 4 spring onions
- 200g can sweetcorn
- 10g (about a handful) fresh coriander or parsley
- 1 clove garlic (optional)
- 1 small lemon (juice only)
- 2 x 15ml spoons olive oil
- Black pepper (optional)
- 1 x 5ml spoon whole grain or Dijon mustard (optional)

METHOD:

- 1. Put the couscous in a bowl.
- 2. Measure 250ml of boiling water into the measuring jug.
- 3. Pour the hot water over the couscous and cover with the plate or tea towel. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.
- 4. Fluff the couscous with a fork. Add a little extra water if necessary. Allow to cool.
- 5. Wash and dry the vegetables
- 6. De-seed the peppers and remove the core and any white pith. Chop into cubes (about 1½cm).
- 7. Chop the tomatoes into similar size pieces to the pepper.
- 8. Top and tail the spring onions and slice finely.
- 9. Drain the sweetcorn and discard the liquid.
- 10. Add the chopped peppers, tomatoes, spring onions and sweetcorn to the couscous and mix well with a fork.
- 11. Finely chop the parsley or coriander with scissors.
- 12. Peel and crush the garlic (if using). Grate the zest and squeeze the juice from the lemon.
- 3. Make the dressing by whisking the olive oil and lemon juice together in a small bowl (or shake together in a jar). Add the chopped coriander or parsley, crushed garlic and black pepper and mustard (if using). Whisk or shake again.
- 14. Pour the dressing over the couscous and mix well.