Cajun Hambalaya

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12 medium shrimp, peeled, develoed and chopped

4 oz. diced chicken

1 Tbsp. Creole Seasoning

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1/4 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1/4 cup chopped celery

2 Tbsp. minced garlic

½ cup chopped tomatoes

3 bay leaves

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp. hot sauce

34 cup rice

3 cups chicken stock

5 ounces andouille sausage. diced

Salt and pepper

Creole Seasoning:

2 1/2 Tbsp. paprika

2 Tbsp. salt

2 Tbsp. garlic powder

1 Tbsp. black pepper

1 Tbsp. onion powder

1 Tbsp. cavenne pepper

1 Tbsp. dried oregano

1 Tbsp. dried thyme

In a bowl, combine shrimp, chicken and Creole Seasoning; work in the seasoning well. In a large saucepan, heat oil over high heat with onion, pepper, and celery for 3 minutes. Add garlic. tomatoes, bay leaves, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Stir in rice and slowly add broth. Reduce heat to medium and cook until rice absorbs liquid and becomes tender. stirring occasionally, about 15 minutes. When rice is just tender, add shrimp mixture and sausage. Cook until meat is done, about 10 minutes more. Season to taste with Creole Seasoning and hot sauce.

Creole Seasoning: Combine all ingredients thoroughly.

Hint: I use a precooked Rotisserie chicken and drained canned tomatoes. If you do this, keep raw shrimp and chicken separate. Add the chicken and sausage after the shrimp has had a little time to cook. You can also use 1 head of cauliflower grated in the food processor in place of rice. You would only need to add this about 10 minutes before adding shrimp.