Zucchini Banana Baby Food

This recipe makes about 6 cups of baby food

Ingredients:

tbsp lemon juice
bananas
2½ cups cooked zucchini
2½ cups cooked brown rice



Directions:

- 1. Chop Zucchini into small chunks and cook. (Use a steamer. If you don't have a steamer, use a frying pan with water covering the bottom. Add zucchini and cover to "steam" for about 10 minutes)
- 2. Cook your rice according to the package or use rehydrated freeze-dried rice
- 3. Add bananas to the blender and blend until smooth (add water if needed)
- 4. Add cooked rice and zucchini to the blender and blend until smooth. (You may need to add water to get a smooth, not-too-thick texture).
- 5. Line trays with parchment paper
- 6. Pour baby food puree onto the tray and spread evenly across the trays
- 7. Insert the dividers (if you choose). You can also just powder after you freeze dry.
- 8. Pre-freeze before freeze-drying when possible.
- 9. Freeze Dry (My cycle time in a large freeze dryer with a premier pump was 57 hours for 5 trays of baby food)
- 10. Store in sealed jars for short-term use or in mylar bags for long-term storage

Rehydration With divider portions: You can blend your cubes before rehydrating for a smoother texture. Add about 4 tbsp of water to 2 cubes from the 40-portion dividers. Stir and enjoy. This makes about 1/4 Cup

Rehydration Without dividers: Powder in a blender or food processor. Add about 4 Tbsp of water to $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of powder. Stir and enjoy. This makes about $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup

Notes: These also make great snack bars.

Nutritional Value Per 1/4 Cup Serving

Calories: 57 Protein: 1 g Carbohydrates: 13 g Fiber: 1 g Sugars: 4 g Fat: 0.25 g