

## **HORCHATA**

## **Ingredients**

- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 cinnamon sticks (broken)
- 12 ounce can evaporated milk
- 12 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 8 cups of warm water (divided)
- Sugar to taste
- Ground cinnamon to garnish (optional)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla (optional)

## **Directions**

Place the rice in a colander and rinse under cold water.

Place the rice, cinnamon sticks and 4 cups of water into a bowl. Cover the bowl and refrigerate overnight or a minimum of 4 hours. Once you're ready to blend the rice, remove most of the cinnamon sticks but it's okay to leave small pieces with the rice. Puree until it's very smooth and forms a watery paste like texture. Using a very fine strainer (or some cheese cloth) pour the blended mixture over a pitcher. Strain out as much liquid as possible, pushing on the solids with a spatula or spoon. Stir in the canned milks, vanilla, and the additional 4 cups of water. Stir well until everything is incorporated. Taste and add sugar or water if needed according to taste. Chill and stir well before serving over ice and enjoy!