Couscous with Peas, Mint, and Toasted Pine Nuts

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 large shallot, chopped
- 1 ¾ cups chicken stock
- 1 cup couscous
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 6 ounces frozen peas, defrosted
- 1/4 cup julienned fresh mint leaves (a good handful), loosely packed
- 1/3 cup toasted pine nuts

DIRECTIONS:

- Heat the oil and butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallots and cook over medium-low heat for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add the stock and bring to a boil.
- Stir in the couscous, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper and put the lid on. Turn off the heat and allow the couscous to steam for 10 minutes.
- \circ $\;$ With a fork, fluff the couscous and stir in the peas, mint, and pine nuts.
- Season to taste. Depending on the saltiness of the chicken stock, you can add ½ more teaspoon of salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper.
- \circ Serve hot.

Yield: 4 servings

