

Green Gnocchi

(serves 2-3)

Ingredients

- 1 medium head of broccoli
- 2 medium potatoes
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups of plain flour
- ½ cup grated low fat cheese

Directions

- 1. Peel and cut potatoes. Wash and cut broccoli into pieces.
- 2. Steam veggies until soft and cool slightly.
- 3. Line a tray with baking paper.
- 4. Mash veggies together.
- 5. Add the egg and half of the flour and stir to combine.
- 6. Add remaining flour and stir with a wooden spoon (add more flour if needed, but don't let mixture become too dry, ideally it should stick to your hand)
- 7. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth.
- 8. Divide dough into three pieces. Roll each portion into a log (about 2cm-diameter).
- 9. Using a lightly floured knife, cut dough into 2cm pieces.
- 10. Lightly flour your hands and roll each piece of dough into a ball.
- 11. Dip a folk into flour and using the back of the folk press each ball.
- 12. Place gnocchi on tray.
- 13. Bring a saucepan of water to the boil over medium heat.
- 14. Add half of gnocchi to the boiling water. Gnocchi will sink to the bottom of the pan then float on top once they are ready (about 3 minutes). Use a slotted spoon to drain and transfer to a plate. Cover with foil to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining gnocchi.

Variation: Try substituting broccoli with any of your favourite vegetable.

Tip: you can use left –over steamed or roast vegetables in this recipe.

Note: Excess gnocchi can be frozen (freeze before cooking).





Orange Gnocchi

(serves 2-3)

Ingredients

- 1 medium sweet potato
- 1 egg, lightly whisked
- 1 ½ cups plain flour
- ½ cup grated low fat cheese
- Plain flour, to dust

Directions

- 1. Peel and coarsely chop sweet potato.
- 2. Steam sweet potato until soft and cool slightly.
- 3. Line a tray with baking paper.
- 4. Mash sweet potato.
- 5. Add the egg and stir with a wooden spoon.
- 6. Add half the flour and cheese and mix until combined.
- 7. Add the remaining flour and stir until well combined (if mixture is very soft add more flour).
- 8. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth.
- 9. Divide dough into three pieces. Roll each portion into a log (about 2cm-diameter)
- 10. Using a lightly floured knife, cut dough into 2cm pieces.
- 11. Lightly flour your hands and roll each piece of dough into a ball.
- 12. Dip a folk into flour and using the back of the folk press each ball.
- 13. Place gnocchi on tray.
- 14. Bring a saucepan of water to the boil over medium heat.
- 15. Add half of gnocchi to the boiling water. Gnocchi will sink to the bottom of the pan then float on top once they are ready (about 3 minutes). Use a slotted spoon to drain and transfer to a plate. Cover with foil to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining gnocchi.

Variation: Try using a mixture of potato and sweet potato.

Tip: you can use left-over mash potatoes in this recipe

Note: Excess gnocchi can be frozen (freeze before cooking).





So simple Red Sauce

(serves 2-3)

Ingredients

- 420g tin brown lentils drained
- 420g can tinned tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon vinegar (try apple cider vinegar)

Directions

- 1. Mix lentils, tomatoes and vinegar in pan.
- 2. Cook on medium heat until warm.

Tasty variation

(serves 4)

Fry one onion and two cloves garlic in olive oil in a saucepan. Add two cans of lentils, one can of tinned tomatoes, a can of tinned tomato soup, 1 grated zucchini, 1 grated carrot and 1 tablespoon vinegar. Cook for 15 minutes.

Instead of red sauce, gnocchi can be served with anything sauce (bolognaise sauce).

Recipe available at www.makingfoodfun.com

