



How to cook healthy recipes in easy steps



Notes for helpers or carers

Before making these recipes, please read this page of notes.

Recipes

All the recipes are listed in alphabetical order and have been coded with 1 to 3 chef's hats to show the level of difficulty.

- = very straight-forward recipe using basic food preparation skills;
- = recipes requiring slightly more developed food preparation skills;
- = more complicated recipes and/or requiring a high level of food preparation skills or involving many more steps.
- Apple crumble
- · Baked potatoes with a spicy mushroom filling
- Bread and apple pudding

- Bruschetta
- Cheesy garlic bread
- · Chicken curry
- Chicken drumsticks with bacon
- Fish pie
- Fresh fruit salad Pancakes

- burger

- Ham salad sandwich
- Healthy fish and chips with peas
- Homemade
- Macaroni cheese

· Rainbow rice

Scones

- Smoked mackerel
- pâté
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- yogurt and honey

- Strawberry yogurt shake
 - Summer fruit fool
 - Ulster style pizza

with a difference

- Vegetable soup
- Stewed apple with
 Vegetable tortilla

Measurements

Quantities for ingredients are shown in metric (grammes - g; litres - l).

When using tins of food (like beans or tuna), please note that tin sizes may vary slightly between manufacturers - the recipes will still work even with slightly larger or slightly smaller tin sizes.

Where possible, handy measures for ingredients have also been included. Where a cup measure is indicated this refers to a standard teacup, which contains approximately 225ml. Where dry ingredients are measured using a cup, the cup should be loosely filled and level. Where spoonfuls have been indicated, these are always level:

- 1 tablespoon = 15ml
- 1 dessertspoon = 10ml
- 1 teaspoon = 5ml



Ingredients

Vegetable oil

Recipes may list 'vegetable oil' as an ingredient but we recommend you use an unsaturated oil, such as rapeseed oil, corn oil or sunflower oil.



Eggs

Unless the recipe states otherwise, we recommend you use large eggs.



Salt

Try to reduce your salt intake by using only small amounts of salt in cooking. If you want to add extra flavour in a recipe, try to use garlic, pepper, herbs, spices, lemon or lime juice rather than salt.



Pepper

Freshly ground black pepper has been used in all savoury recipes; this will give the best results, but you can use a small amount of pre-prepared ground pepper. Do take care and use only a little as it can be a strong flavour.



Bread

Recipes using bread have been tested using medium sliced family sized loaves of bread. Recipes will work with either white or wholemeal bread but the wholemeal has more fibre.



Equipment

A list of equipment with a photograph of each item has been included for each recipe. Try to collect all the items before you start cooking.

Oven gloves

It's good to have oven gloves available in the kitchen at all times. Where they are essential (eg for removing hot trays from a grill or oven) we have shown them in the list of equipment, however you may also want to use them for other jobs, like draining saucepans.



Ovens

Ovens should be preheated to the temperature shown. This will take about 15 minutes for an electric oven and 10-15 minutes for a gas oven.





Serves: 4 Cooking time: 70-80mins





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Apple crumble



Ingredients

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Vegetable oil to grease dish 675g (1½ lb) cooking apples 50ml (1/4 cup) water 1 teaspoon mixed spice 100g (8 tablespoons) caster sugar 75g (10 tablespoons) plain wholemeal flour 50g unsaturated margarine

25g (4 tablespoons) porridge oats

Equipment













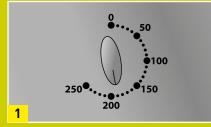
saucepan

measuring jug









Pre-heat oven 190°C or gas mark 5 and grease dish



Wash apples



Core cooking apples



Peel



Slice



Place the apples in saucepan and add water



Add mixed spice



Add 4 tablespoons of sugar



Stir



Cover and cook gently



Measure wholemeal flour



Sift the flour



Tip bran from sieve into bowl



Weigh margarine



Rub margarine into flour



Add porridge oats



Add the rest of the sugar



Stir crumble



Place apples in greased ovenproof dish



Sprinkle crumble on top do not press down



Bake in oven: 15 mins. Then reduce heat to 180°C or gas mark 4 and cook another 45 minutes until golden brown Caution! Hot!



Why not try other fillings? apple and rhubarb

- plum and cherry
- apple and blackberry



Serves: 2

Cooking time: 60-75mins



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Baked potatoes with a spicy mushroom filling



Ingredients

2 large potatoes

1 dessertspoon vegetable oil

100g button mushrooms

4 tablespoons natural yogurt

1 dessertspoon tomato purée

1 teaspoon curry powder

Pepper

Equipment





Sharp knife

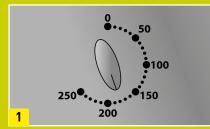




Chopping board Non-stick frying pan Dessertspoon

Tablespoon

Teaspoon



Pre-heat oven to 180°C or gas mark 4



Scrub potatoes (do not peel).



Prick all over with fork



Bake in pre-heated oven until soft inside (check after 60 minutes)



Wash mushrooms



Chop



Heat oil in frying pan



Add mushrooms and cook 3-4 Remove frying pan from minutes until soft



heat, cool, then add yogurt



Add tomato purée



Add curry powder



Season with pepper



Stir



Remove cooked potato from oven Caution! Hot!



Cut potatoes in half



Add filling



Serve



Serves: 4

Cooking time: 25-30 minutes Soaking time about 30 minutes



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Bread and apple pudding



Ingredients

4 large egg yolks 50g (4 tablespoons) caster sugar PLUS

Extra 25g (2 tablespoons) caster sugar 600ml semi-skimmed milk

2 cooking apples

50g (3 handfuls) sultanas

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

4 slices of white or brown bread Vegetable oil to grease dish

Equipment





Scales (not essential)

Tablespoon

Measuring jug







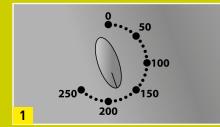


Bread knife

Pastry brush

Ovenproof dish

Method



Pre-heat oven to 180°C or gas mark 4



Wash cooking apples



Separate egg yolks



Add caster sugar



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Whisk egg yolks and sugar



Measure milk



Heat milk in saucepan - do not boil



Add warmed milk to egg yolks and stir





Peel



Slice and place in a bowl



Add sultanas



Add caster sugar



Add cinnamon



Stir



Trim crusts from bread



Cut into triangles



Place half the bread in greased ovenproof dish



Sprinkle over apples and sultanas



Pour egg and milk custard over apples



Overlap bread on top and soak for 30 mins



Bake for 20-25 minutes Caution! Hot!



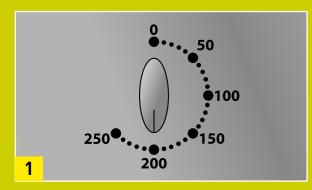
Serve





Ingredients 1 part baked ciabatta 250g ripe tomatoes Fresh basil leaves 2 cloves garlic 50g unsaturated margarine





Pre-heat oven to 200°C or gas mark 6



Slice ciabatta into thick slices



Wash basil and tomatoes



Roughly chop basil and tomatoes



Crush garlic



Weigh margarine



Mix garlic and margarine, spread over ciabatta slices



Divide tomato and basil over ciabatta slices



Cook in oven: 8-10 minutes Caution! Hot!



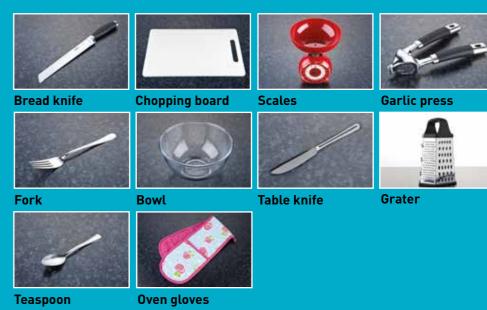
Serve



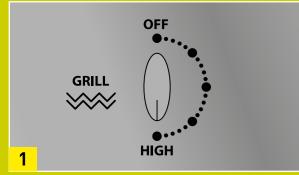


Ingredients 1 large baguette (or 2 small) 25g unsaturated margarine 1 clove garlic 50g Cheddar cheese

Equipment



Method



surfaces and wash hands

Heat grill to high



Spread garlic margarine over slices



Slice baguette thickly



Grating cheese



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Weigh unsaturated margarine



Sprinkle on grated cheese



Crush garlic



Place slices on grill pan **Caution! Hot!**



Mix margarine and garlic



Grill for 2 minutes until cheese has melted Caution! Hot!



Serve



Serves: 4 Cooking time: 60 minutes





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Chicken curry



Ingredients

- 1 red pepper
- 8 mushrooms
- 1 green apple
- 1 onion

- 1 clove garlic
- 4 chicken fillets
- 1 x 220g tin of pineapple chunks in natural juice
- 3 tablespoons (25g) flour
- 4 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- A handful of sultanas
- 250-350g (1½-2 cups) uncooked brown or white rice

Equipment











saucepans





Method



Wash pepper, mushrooms and apple.



Chop apple



Peel onion



Chop onion finely



Remove seeds



Chop



Slice mushrooms



Crush garlic





Cut chicken fillets into strips Drain pineapple chunks





Measure plain flour



Measure curry powder



Add boiling water to stock cube



Make up to 450 ml and stir



Stir, then cover and simmer

for 30 minutes

Heat oil in saucepan



Add chicken strips and cook about 10 minutes until brown



Weigh rice or measure with



Add onion and garlic, cook for 5 minutes



Add apple and pineapple,

cook for 5 minutes

mushrooms, cook until soft

Add red peppers and

Stir in flour and curry powder



Drain and rinse rice



Add the stock gradually and Add sultanas bring to boil





Serve





Ingredients

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8 small chicken drumsticks 8 rashers of lean back bacon

Equipment





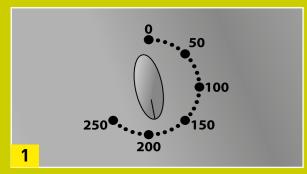


Red chopping board

Sharp knife

Baking tray or ovenproof dish

Method



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Pre-heat oven 190°C or gas mark 5



Loosen chicken skin



Pull skin back



Cut off loose skin



Stretch bacon rashers



Wrap bacon around drumsticks



Place on oven tray lined with Wrap tinfoil loosely tinfoil





Cook in oven for about 30 minutes Caution! Hot!



Pull back the foil from drumsticks Caution! Hot!



Cook in oven for 5 minutes until brown **Caution! Hot!**



Remove from oven Caution! Hot! Make sure chicken is cooked



Serve



Serves: 4-6 Cooking time: 35 mins



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Fish pie



Ingredients

2 medium eggs

3 medium potatoes

1 small turnip

50g Cheddar cheese

275g smoked fish (haddock)

11/2 tablespoons cornflour

600ml semi-skimmed milk plus

extra for mashing

75g (¾ cup) frozen peas, defrosted

1 x 198g tin sweetcorn

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Equipment







Method



Hard boil eggs in water



Cut into dice



Mix to a paste with cold water Measure milk for the sauce



Add peas



Mash well



Cool quickly under cold water Remove shells







Add sweetcorn



Pour fish mixture into pie dish





Weigh cheese



Heat milk but do not boil



Add chopped egg



Chop

Grate cheese



Add some hot milk to paste



Add chopped parsley





Peel potatoes



Stir and cook 2-5 minutes



Cook under grill until cheese melts Caution! Hot!



Cut into dice







Add back to hot milk and stir Cook until the sauce thickens Add smoked haddock



Heat grill to high



Serve



Peel turnip



Place cornflour in bowl





Drain potato and turnip





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Fresh fruit salad



Ingredients

2 eating apples

10 black grapes

10 green grapes

1 orange

1 medium banana

½ cup (150ml) pure orange juice

Equipment







Sieve

Apple corer

Sharp knives



Chopping board



Large bowl



Cup or measuring Tablespoon



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Method



Wash apples and grapes



Core apples



Slice



Peel orange



Slice segments



Cut grapes in half



Peel banana



Slice



Add orange juice



Mix



Serve



Serves: 1



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Ham salad sandwich



Ingredients

- 2 lettuce leaves
- 1 tomato

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- 1 scallion (spring onion)
- 1 dessertspoon mayonnaise
- 2 slices wholemeal bread
- 2 thin slices cooked ham

Equipment



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Colander

Sharp knife

Chopping board

Chopping board



Dessertspoon



Table knife



Bread knife



Wash salad



Slice tomato



Slice scallion



Spread mayonnaise on bread



Place lettuce on bread



Place ham on lettuce



Add tomato



Add scallion



Top with slice of bread



Cut across diagonally



Why not try other fillings?

- tuna and sweetcorn
- cottage cheese and pineapple
- chicken slices with chutney

Serve



Cooking time: 25-35 mins





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Healthy fish and chips with peas



Ingredients

1 large potato

1 dessertspoon vegetable oil

Black pepper

1 1

150-175g piece of white fish eg haddock, cod, coley

Small knob of butter or unsaturated margarine

Juice of half a lemon

1 x 150g tin of marrowfat peas

1 tablespoon tartare sauce

Equipment

saucepan



baking tray





Dessertspoon Non-stick baking tray







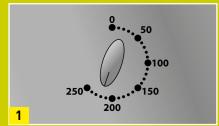
squeezer



Table knife



or fork



Pre-heat oven 220°C or gas mark 7



Peel potato



Cut into large chunky chips



Brush with oil



Season with pepper



Cook in oven: 25-35 minutes Caution! Hot!



Put fish on tray and add small knob butter



Squeeze over lemon juice



Season with black pepper



Cook fish in oven: 8-10 minutes Caution! Hot!



minutes



Heat marrowfat peas for 4-6 Drain peas and place in bowl Add tartare sauce and mash





Remove fish from oven Caution! Hot!



Remove chunky chips from oven Caution! Hot!



Serve



Cooking time: 20-25 minutes



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Homemade burger



Ingredients

1 onion

1 1

450g (1lb) lean minced meat (beef, pork or lamb)

1 teaspoon mixed herbs

1 large egg

2-3 slices bread

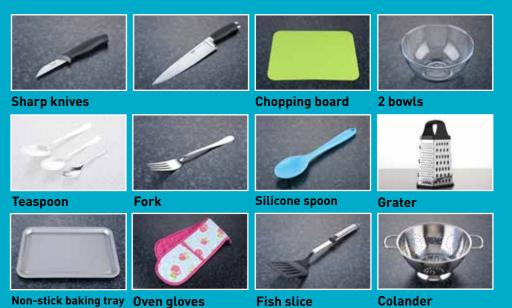
2 medium tomatoes

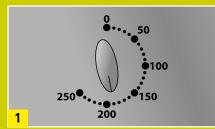
1/2 iceberg lettuce

4 burger buns

4 slices Cheddar cheese

Equipment





Pre-heat oven to 190°C or gas mark 5



Peel onion



Chop finely



Place mince in bowl, add chopped onion



Add mixed herbs



Beat egg



Add to mince and mix



Grate breadcrumbs



Add to mince



Mix well



Form four flat burgers about 2 cm thick



Place burgers on tray Cook in oven: 20–25 minutes cooking Caution! Hot!



Turn over halfway through



Wash lettuce and tomatoes



Slice tomatoes



Place lettuce on burger bun



Add cooked burger



Add cheese slice



Add tomato slices



Add top of burger bun



Serve



Cooking time: 20-23 mins



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Macaroni cheese



Ingredients

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100g mature Cheddar cheese 350-450g (4-5 cups) dried macaroni

11/4 cups (300ml) semi-skimmed milk

2 teaspoons cornflour

1 x 400g tin of vegetables or 425g of frozen vegetables, eg peas or sweetcorn, defrosted

1/2 teaspoon mustard

Pepper to taste

Equipment









Scales (not essential)

Grater

Large saucepan Colander





Measuring jug or cup

saucepan

Teaspoon

(if using tinned vegetables)



Weigh cheese



Grate



Measure macaroni



Cook in boiling water until tender



Drain macaroni



Place back in saucepan to keep warm



Measure milk and heat... do not boil



Place cornflour in bowl



Blend with cold water



Add hot milk and stir



Gradually add back into hot milk, stir well



Reheat and stir until sauce thickens



Add vegetables and stir



Cook for 3-4 minutes until vegetables are hot



Add grated cheese



Add mustard



Season with pepper



Stir until cheese has melted



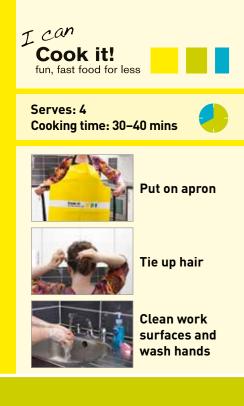
Add sauce to cooked macaroni



Stir



Serve





Ingredients 100g plain flour Pinch of salt 1 medium egg 250ml milk 1 teaspoon vegetable oil

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Weigh plain flour



Add a pinch of salt



Sieve flour and salt



Make a well



Break one egg into well



Measure 250ml milk and add



Whisk



Heat oil in frying pan



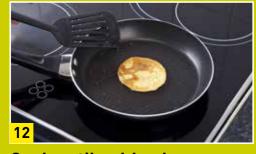
Add 2 tablespoons of batter



Cook until bubbles appear



Turn



Cook until golden brown



Repeat steps 9 to 12 until all the mixture is used



Serve



Cooking time: 15-20 mins



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Rainbow rice



Ingredients

3 - 4 scallions (spring onions)

10 mushrooms

2 medium carrots

1 red pepper

225g lean cooked ham

350g (2 cups) uncooked, long-grain rice

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

75g (¾ cup) fresh or frozen peas (defrosted)

1 tablespoon light soy sauce

Black pepper

Equipment









Tablespoon







Chopping board Scales



Wok or large frying pan



Silicone spoon Teaspoon





Wash scallions, mushrooms, Slice mushrooms carrots and red pepper





Slice scallions



Peel carrots



Cut into sticks



Remove seeds



Cut into strips



Cut ham into strips then squares



Measure rice



Cook rice until tender



Add oil to pan and heat



Add scallions... stir fry



Add mushrooms, carrots, red pepper, peas



Add ham and stir fry for 5 minutes



Drain rice



Add soy sauce







Serve



Put on apron Tie up hair Clean work surfaces and wash hands **Method**

Scones



Ingredients

11

225g plain white flour 1 level teaspoon baking powder 40g unsaturated margarine 150ml semi-skimmed milk Extra milk for brushing

Equipment







measuring jug



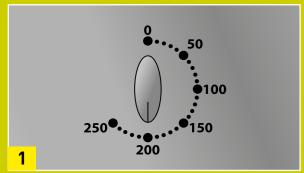
Rolling pin

Scone cutter (5cm)

baking tray

Pastry brush

Wire cooling



Pre-heat oven 200°C or gas mark 6



Weigh flour



Add baking powder



Sieve



Weigh unsaturated margarine



Rub margarine into flour



Measure milk, add and mix until soft but not sticky



Turn on to worktop and roll to 2 cm thick



Cut into rounds



Place on baking tray and brush with milk



Bake in oven: 10-15 minutes **Caution! Hot!**



Remove when risen and golden **Caution! Hot!**



Cool



Serve









Method



Tie up hair

Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Remove skin and bones



Mash fish



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Chop chives



Add to mackerel



Add fromage frais



Add lemon rind and juice



Add black pepper



Mix



Serve



Serves: 4 Cooking time: 30 minutes





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Spaghetti Bolognese



Ingredients

1 large onion

2 large carrots

1 clove of garlic

1 beef stock cube

450g lean minced beef

1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes

2 tablespoons tomato purée

2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs

Pepper

1-2 teaspoons cornflour (optional)

350-450g dry spaghetti

Equipment







Chopping board Peeler



or cup



Measuring jug 2 large

Silicone spoon

saucepans





Small bowl

Tablespoon

Teaspoon

Scales (not essential)

Colander

Method



Peel onion



Chop finely



Peel carrot



Chop into dice

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Crush garlic



Add 300ml boiling water to stock cube



Brown mince and add garlic



Add onion and carrot



Add tomatoes



Add tomato purée



Add stock

thickened



Add mixed herbs



Season with pepper



Stir



Cover and simmer for 25 minutes



Blend with cold water







Cook spaghetti (check packet for cooking time)



Drain cooked spaghetti



Serve



Serves: 2 Cooking time: 20 minutes





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Stewed apple with yogurt and honey



Ingredients

1 large cooking apple

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1-2 tablespoons water
- 1 small carton natural yogurt
- 1 teaspoon runny honey

Equipment







Apple corer

Small saucepan

Peeler

Sharp knife





Tablespoon



Teaspoon





Small bowl



2 serving dishes



Wash cooking apple



Core



Peel



Slice



Place in saucepan



Add brown sugar



Add cinnamon



Add water



Cook gently until soft



Add honey to yogurt



Stir



Serve



Serves: 2



Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Strawberry yogurt shake



Ingredients

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6 strawberries 300ml (11/4 cups) chilled milk 1 carton low-fat strawberry yogurt

Equipment









Colander

Sharp knife

Chopping board

Blender or food processor





Cup or measuring Dessertspoon



Glass for serving



Wash strawberries



'Top' strawberries



Place in blender



Add chilled milk



Add strawberry yogurt



Place lid securely



Blend



Serve





Ingredients

225g mixture of berries or other soft fruit (fresh or defrosted)

1 dessertspoon sugar

1 small tub (about 200ml) low-fat crème fraîche

Equipment

Dessertspoon







Serving dishes

Method



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Wash berries



'Top' strawberries



Chop larger berries



Add sugar



Mash berries and sugar



Add low-fat crème fraîche



Fold gently



Serve











Method



Heat grill



Drain tinned tomatoes



Pour into saucepan



Add tomato purée



Add mixed herbs



Season with pepper



Heat then simmer for 5 minutes, remove from heat



Cut ham into strips



Grate cheese



Slice farls



Toast on outside only Caution! Hot!



Turn farls



Spread with hot tomato mixture



Top with ham



Sprinkle grated cheese



Grill: 2-3 minutes Caution! Hot!



Remove when cheese is bubbling Caution! Hot!



Serve



Serves: 4 Cooking time: 25-30 mins







Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Vegetable soup with a difference



Ingredients

1 medium onion

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2 medium carrots

1 x 400g tin red kidney beans

2 vegetable stock cubes

1 dessertspoon vegetable oil

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Pepper to taste

Equipment











Measuring jug or Dessertspoon







Peel onion



Chop finely



Peel carrots



Chop into dice



Drain and rinse kidney beans



Add 1.2l boiling water to stock cubes



Heat oil



Add onions and carrots



Stir



Cover and cook for 10-15 minutes



Add kidney beans



Add Worcestershire sauce



Add stock and simmer for 10 minutes



Add pepper



Serve



Serves: 2





Put on apron



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Vegetable tortilla



Ingredients

1/2 red pepper

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

1 tomato

2 medium sized potatoes

1/2 onion

1 garlic clove

3 large eggs

Black pepper to taste

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

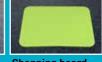
2 tablespoons sweetcorn (tinned or frozen)

Equipment









Chopping board







Tin opener (if using Fish slice tinned sweetcorn)

Method



Wash red pepper, parsley, tomato and potatoes.



Chop



Peel potatoes



Cook in boiling water for 10 minutes



Peel onion



Chop finely



Crush garlic



Remove seeds from red pepper





Slice tomatoes



Drain potatoes and cool



Slice thinly Caution! Hot!



Chop parsley



Break eggs into bowl



Season with black pepper



Add chopped parsley



Whisk



Heat oil in frying pan



Add cooked potato slices



Add garlic and chopped onion, Add red pepper cook gently for 5-7 mins





Add tomato



Add sweetcorn, cook 5-7 minutes



cook for 10-12 minutes





Caution! Hot!



Serve







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