



Irresistible recipes by Spoorthi Kogunde





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Let's Cook
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Breakfasts

Snacks

Floffy Sweetbread





Fluffy Sweetbread

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Makes: 24 | Prep: 30 mins | Cook: 20 mins

Ingredients

- 1 cup lukewarm water
- 2 teaspoons active dry or instant yeast
- 4 to 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg yolk (reserve the white for the egg wash)
- 1/4 cup neutral-flavored vegetable oil, such as canola

Method

- 1. Mix the dry ingredients. Place 4 cups of the flour, sugar, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer and whisk to combine. (Alternatively, use a large bowl and knead by hand.)
- 2. Add the eggs, yolk, and oil. Make a well in the center of the flour and add the eggs, egg yolk, and oil. Whisk to form a slurry, pulling in a little flour from the sides of the bowl.
- 3. Mix to form a shaggy dough. Pour the yeast mixture over the egg slurry. Mix the yeast, eggs, and flour with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until a shaggy dough that is difficult to mix forms.
- 4. Knead the dough for 6 to 8 minutes. Fit the mixer with the hook attachment and knead on low speed for 6 to 8 minutes. (Alternatively, turn out the dough onto a floured work surface and knead by hand for about 10 minutes.) If the dough seems very sticky, add flour a teaspoon at a time until it feels tacky, but no longer like bubblegum. The dough has finished kneading when it is soft, smooth, and holds a ball-shape.
- 5. Let the dough rise until doubled. Place the dough in an oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and place somewhere warm. Let the dough rise until doubled in bulk, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
- 6. Divide the dough and roll into ropes. Divide the dough into 3 Roll each piece of dough into a long rope about 16 inches long. If the ropes shrink as you try to roll them, let them rest for 5 minutes to relax the gluten and then try again.
- 7. Braid the dough. Gather the ropes and squeeze them together at the very top. If making a 3-stranded challah, braid the ropes together like braiding hair or yarn and squeeze the other ends together when complete. If making a 6-stranded challah, the directions are below.
- 8. Let the challah rise. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the braided loaf on top and sprinkle with a little flour. Cover with a clean kitchen towel. Let rise in a warm place away from drafts until puffed and pillowy, about 1 hour.
- 9. Brush the challah with egg white. About 20 minutes before baking, arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 350°F. When ready to bake, whisk the reserved egg white with 1 tablespoon of water and brush it all over the challah. Be sure to get in the cracks and down the sides of the loaf.
- 10. Bake the challah 30 to 35 minutes. Bake, rotating the baking sheet halfway through, until the challah is deeply browned and registers 190°F in the very middle with an instant-read thermometer, 30 to 35 minutes total.
- 11. Cool the challah. Let the challah cool on a cooling rack until just barely warm. Slice and eat.





Starters

Olives





Ingredients

- pitted green olives
- olive oil
- balsamic vinegar
- crusty bread



Method

- Tip a mixture of fresh olives into a bowl
- Season with garlic, chilli and salt. Mix thoroughly.
- 3. Serve with crusty bread, olive oil and balsamic vinegar.









Mains

Spicy Chicken Arrabiata





Makes: 4 | Prep: 10 mins | Cook: 20 mins

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs, diced
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 1-1½ tsp chilli flakes
- 4 tbsp sun-dried tomato pesto
- 250ml chicken stock
- 2 x 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 5 thyme sprigs, tied
- 2 tsp sugar
- ½ small bunch of parsley, finely chopped

Spicy Chicken Arrabiata

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Method

- 1. Heat a large pan of water for the penne pasta.
- 2. Heat the oil in a large frying pan.
- 3. Fry the onion over a low-medium heat for 7 mins or until soft and turning translucent.
- 4. Turn up the heat slightly, add the chicken and fry for 5 mins until beginning to brown around the edges.
- 5. Tip the garlic and chilli into the pan and fry for 1 min.
- Stir through the pesto, pour in the stock and tomatoes, then add the thyme, sugar and some seasoning.
- 7. Turn the heat to low and cover with a lid.
- 8. Cook gently for 40 mins.
- 9. In the meantime, add the penne to the pan of boiling water.
- 10. Cook for 15 mins, until the pasta is "al dente".
- 11. Remove and drain, and add to the pasta sauce.
- 12. Remove the thyme and check the seasoning.







Desserts

Chocolate Brownies





Makes: 24 | Prep: 30 mins | Cook: 20 mins

Ingredients

- 375g good quality dark chocolate
- 375g butter, cut into pieces
- 500g caster sugar
- 6 medium eggs
- 225g plain flour

For the topping (optional)

- 140g good quality dark chocolate
- 50g butter, cut into pieces
- icing sugar for dusting

Chocolate Brownies

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Method

STEP 1

- 1. Butter and line a 30cm x 21cm tin.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
- 3. Break up the chocolate with the butter and melt in the microwave on medium for about 5 minutes, stirring halfway through.

STEP 2

- Beat the sugar and eggs in a bowl.
- Stir in the melted chocolate, add the flour and beat well.
- Pour into the tin and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the top looks papery and feels slightly wobbly.
- 4. Leave to cool in the tin.

STEP 3

- If you're making the topping, break up the chocolate with the butter and melt in the microwave on medium for about 1 minute.
- 2. Stir until smooth then spread over the cake.
- 3. Dust with icing sugar and cut into squares.





Drinks

Easy Lemonade



Easy Lemonade

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Method

- Tip the lemons, sugar and half the water into a food processor and blend until the lemon is finely chopped.
- Pour the mixture into a sieve over a bowl, then press through as much juice as you can.
- Top up with the remaining water and serve with plain ice or frozen with slices of lemon and lime.



Makes: 1.25 litres | Prep: 10 mins

Ingredients

- 3 unwaxed lemons, roughly chopped
- 140g caster sugar
- 1l cold water

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1 oz = 28.35 g / 1 g = 0.035 oz 1 kg = 35 oz (2.2 lbs)

METRIC	IMPERIAL	
30 g	1 oz	
60 g	2 oz	
85 g	3 oz	
115 g	4 oz (1/4 lb)	
140 g	5 oz	
170 g	6 oz	
200 g	7 oz	
230 g	8 oz (1/2 lb)	
250 g	9 oz	
285 g	10 oz	
450 g	16 oz (1 lb)	
500 g	17 oz	

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1 cup = 250 ml / 1 fl oz = 28.5 ml 1 ml = 0034 fl oz

METRIC	PINT	CUPS	FL OZ.
100 ml			3 1/2
125 ml		1/2	4 1/2
150 ml	1/4		5
200 ml			7
250 ml		1	9
275 ml	1/2		10
300 ml			11
400 ml			14
500 ml		2	18
570 ml	1		20
750 ml		3	26
1.1	13/4	4	35

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