Mini Mexican Bean Pies



A delicious winter pie recipe using our favourite pinto, black turtle and red kidney beans with the classic flavours of Mexico. A great winter warmer.

Serving Size: Makes 14 mini pies or 2 medium size pies

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion diced

2 cloves of garlic crushed

3/4 teaspoon paprika

3/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon chilli powder

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

5 large tomatoes chopped

4 cups cooked dried pinto, black turtle and red kidney beans (or two 400g tins of mixed beans)

3 tablespoons tomato paste

1/2 cup cooked corn kernels

1 cup Grated cheese (optional)

Sea Salt & Pepper to Season

For the pastry:

4 cups khorasan flour

150g butter

3/4 cup cold water

Pinch of celtic salt

1 teaspoon cumin seeds

1 egg yolk

Method:

- 1. On medium heat, saute the onions & garlic in olive oil until soft (about 8-10 minutes).
- 2. Add the spices and cook for another 3 minutes stirring well.
- 3. Add the chopped tomatoes, tomato paste and 1/2 the cooked beans.
- 4. Mash the remaining cooked beans and add to the mix, continuing to stir regularly.
- 5. Now add the corn and cook on medium heat for about 15 20 minutes.
- 6. Add a little water if the mixture becomes too thick and then set aside to cool.
- 7. Now for your pastry; sift the flour and add the cumin seeds and salt.
- 8. Add the chopped butter and rub in with fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
- 9. Slowly add enough cold water small bits at a time until a dough has formed.
- 10. Divide the dough into 3/4 and 1/4 amounts. Roll out the 3/4 's of dough to a 2-3mm thickness.
- 11. Cut into small circular sizes to fit your muffin trays. (the quantity should equate to the base and sides of the pie.
- 12. Fill the pastry centres with your bean mix (3/4 to the top) and sprinkle with cheese (if using).
- 13. Roll out the 1/4 dough put aside to 2 mm thick and then cut to make a lid for the pie. Add a bit of egg yolk to the edges then press the edges with a fork to seal.
- 14. Cut slits into the pie tops to allow for the steam to come out.
- 15. Bake in a moderate oven at 160'C for 20 minutes or until pies are golden brown.

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