

COTTAGE PIE WITH CHEESY PUMPKIN MASH

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PREP TIME COOKING TIME SERVES 75 MINS 4

Who doesn't love a cottage pie in the midst of winter? Sweet pumpkin makes a colourful change from a potato topping.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 450-500g beef mince
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 celery stick, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
- ½ cup red wine (optional)
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 500mls beef stock
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 teaspoons cornflour mixed with 2 tablespoons water into a slurry
- 900g pumpkin, peeled, seeds removed and cut into chunks
- 25g butter
- 150g (approx 2 cups grated) Mainland grated Tasty Light
- 80g (approx 1 cup) Mainland grated mozzarella

Method

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan; add the mince and brown, breaking up the mince with a wooden spoon to remove any lumps, around 5-7 minutes. Add the onion, celery, and carrots and cook for another 5 minutes.
- 2. Add the wine (if using) and tomato paste and stir well. Add the salt, beef stock and thyme. Bring up to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes, then add the cornflour slurry and stir until thickened. Set aside to cool in baking dish.
- 3. Steam, boil or microwave the pumpkin pieces until tender. Drain well then mash with the butter. Allow to cool then mix with the $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Tasty Light cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- 5. Scatter the mozzarella over the beef then top with pumpkin and rough it up with a fork. Scatter over the remaining Tasty Light and put into the oven. Cook for 35-40 minutes until bubbling.