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Avocado Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

- olive oil (100ml)
- spelt flour (1½ cups)
- cacao powder (½ cup)
- bicarbonate of soda (1½ tsp)
- almond meal (100g)
- avocado (1)
- unsweetened Greek yoghurt (1 cup)
- vanilla extract and 1 tsp vanilla extract for frosting (2 tsp)

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 180°c. grease a 20cm springform cake pan and lineBase with baking paper.
- Sift the spelt flour, cacao powder and bicarbonate of soda together into a bowl. Stir
 in the almond meal and 1 cup coconut sugar. Scoop the avocado flesh into a food
 processor with the yoghurt, macadamia oil and vanilla and process until smooth. Add
 avocado mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until well combined.
- Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and bake for 40 minutes or until cooked when tested with a skewer. Remove from oven and cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan, transfer to a wire rack and cool completely.
- For the frosting, scoop the avocado flesh into a food processor. Add the icing sugar, cacao powder and vanilla extract, then process until smooth and creamy. Spread frosting over the cooled cake to serve.



Currant and Tea Scones

Ingredients

- chai tea (2 tea bags)
- currants (1/4 cup)
- self-raising flour (3 cups)
- caster sugar (2 tbs)
- butter (80g)
- milk (1 cup)
- strawberries (100g)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 220°C. Place tea bags into a jug and pour over 1/2 cup boiling water. Set aside for 3 minutes. Remove bags, squeezing out liquid. Discard bags. Add currants to tea and soak for 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile, put flour and sugar into a bowl. Add butter and rub into flour.
- Drain currants, measuring the liquid in a jug and add enough milk to make up to 11/2 cups. Stir currants and tea mixture into flour mixture. Stir quickly and lightly together using a dinner knife until combined. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface, knead lightly until smooth and pat out until 2cm thick. Cut out 5cm rounds and transfer scones to a baking tray. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until well risen and golden. Serve with whipped cream and strawberries.



Creamy Chicken, Tomato, Mozzerella and Spinach Pasta Bake

Ingredients

- Pasta shells large (200g)
- chicken breast or thigh (500g)
- Pasta Bake Creamy Tomato and Mozzerella (1 jar)
- grated cheddar cheese (1 cup)
- English Spinach (200g)
- fresh basil leaves (100g)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- Cook 200g of dry pasta following packet instructions.
- Fry 500g of diced chicken breast in a pan until brown.
- Combine cooked pasta, chicken and Creamy Tomato and Mozzarella Sauce into a baking dish. Cover with 1 cup of grated cheese and spinach.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and garnish with fresh basil.



Bangers and Mash

Ingredients

- Potatoes (1kg)
- Thick Australian Beef Sausages (1 pack)
- milk (11)
- butter (50g)
- Traditional Gravy pouch (50g)
- Salt (1 tsp)

Instructions

- Peel and cut potatoes in uniform shape, place in a saucepan and cover with salted cold water. Bring to the boil.
- Separate and prick sausages. BBQ or grill, turning regularly until thoroughly cooked.
- Check potatoes with a skewer. When easily inserted, drain water and mash cooked potatoes.
- Mix butter and milk at moderate temperature in a heat-proof dish. Slowly add to mash until desired texture achieved and season lightly.
- Cut the corner from traditional gravy and microwave pouch for 40 seconds.
- Pile the mashed potatoes on the plate with sausages and pour over the gravy.



Rhubarb Tart With Yoghurt

Ingredients

- Puff pastry, slightly thawed (1 sheet)
- Eggs (2)
- Rhubarb, stems cut into 6cm lengths (1 bunch)
- Raw sugar (4 tbs)
- oranges, zest and juice (2)
- Greek Yoghurt (1 cup)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- Grease a baking sheet. Top with pastry. Lightly push down on each corner with your thumb (to stop them rising too much) and score lightly with a knife around the edges to create a 1cm border. Lightly run the knife over the rest of the pastry in a cross hatch pattern to score it. Lightly brush the egg over pastry. Bake in oven for about 15 minutes or until golden.
- Using a palette knife transfer pastry to serving plate. Spoon over some yoghurt, rhubarb and top with a few spoonfuls of remaining yoghurt.

