HAPPY VEGAN VEGAN COMFORT FOOD Karoline Jönsson



IN THE OVEN

Serves 4–6

Mash

1.2kg/2lb 10oz potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks 75g/2½oz/5 tbsp dairy-free spread approx. 150ml/5fl oz/ ⅔ cup plant milk salt and black pepper

Lentil mince

- 3 brown onions, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, finely chopped
- 5 large field mushrooms, finely chopped olive oil for frying
- 1 tsp white pepper
- 1 tbsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 tbsp finely chopped fresh sage
- 3 tbsp tomato purée (tomato paste)
- 120g/4oz/scant ²/₃ cup dried red lentils 85g/3oz/scant ¹/₂ cup dried beluga lentils
- 3 tbsp tamari
- 1 tbsp bouillon powder
- 2 tbsp plain (all-purpose) flour

SHEPHERD'S PIE

This British classic is my other half's favorite and it's always popular for Sunday family dinner. Serve with a green salad with a squeeze of lemon juice.

- Boil the potatoes in a large pan of salted water, covered with a lid, for about 20 minutes, or until soft.
- For the lentil mince, fry the onions, carrots and mushrooms in a generous glug of olive oil until the onions have started to colour. Add some salt, the white pepper and the herbs.
- Add the tomato purée and fry, stirring, for another few minutes. Add 800ml/28fl 0z/3¹/₃ cups water, the lentils, tamari and bouillon powder and sir well. Cover and leave to simmer until the lentils are almost cooked through.
- Sprinkle over the flour and whisk into the mince, preferably using a steel whisk to make sure you get rid of any lumps of flour. Add up to 200ml/7fl oz/generous ¾ cup water until you've reached a good consistency.
- Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
- Drain the boiled potatoes and mash them using a potato masher. Stir in the spread and milk and mash together uniil smooth. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Scoop the mince into a baking dish and top with the mash. Bake for 25 minutes, or until the mash is golden brown.