

LENTIL SHEPHERD'S PIE

This vegetarian take on a classic is quick, filling and cozy on those cool days.

Servings: 4-6 Ready in about: 20-30 minutes

2 large potatoes

3/4 cup vegetable broth

1 tbsp soy sauce 1 tbsp cornstarch

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

2 tsp oil

1 pkg button mushrooms, finely chopped

1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped

1 ½ tsp fresh thyme, chopped (or 1/4 tsp dried thyme)

1 - 19 oz can lentils, drained and rinsed1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

1/4 cup milk

2 tbsp butter or margarine

Nutrition Tips

To reduce the salt and saturated fat in this recipe we used:

- · Reduced sodium broth
- · Reduced sodium soy sauce
- Low fat milk (2% M.F. or less)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Using a fork, prick potatoes all over. Microwave on high, turning once, until fork-tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Set aside until cool enough to handle.
- 2. In a small bowl, whisk together broth, soy sauce, cornstarch, half of the salt and half the pepper. Set aside.
- 3. Meanwhile, in a large frying pan, heat oil over medium heat; cook mushrooms, onion, carrot and thyme, stirring occasionally, until softened and no liquid remains, about 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in lentils; cook for 1 minute.
- 4. Add broth mixture to the lentils; cook, stirring until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in 3 tbsp of the parsley. Scrape into a small casserole dish (2 quart or 8 x 8" dish).
- 5. Once cooled, peel potatoes. Using a potato masher, mash together potatoes, milk, half of the butter or margarine and the remaining parsley, salt and pepper. Spoon over the mushroom and lentil mixture, spreading to edges; dot with remaining butter or margarine. Broil on centre rack until top is golden, about 3 to 5 minutes.

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