Butternut and feta rolls

Makes 12



Ingredients (allergens in bold)

- 1 small or half a large butternut squash, roasted with olive oil
- 100g Greek feta cheese (half a standard pack)
- handful of fresh herbs e.g. chives, parsley, mint, rocket chopped
- 1 tsp dried mint
- few sunflower seeds (optional)
- freshly ground black pepper
- 200g ready-made puff pastry
- a little flour for rolling pastry
- 1 free-range egg beaten

Method

- 1. Scoop the soft roasted flesh from the butternut and place in a bowl. Let it go cold. See recipe notes.
- Mash the butternut with a fork then crumble in the feta cheese. Add the chopped herbs, dried mint, black pepper and sunflower seeds if using. Mix well. Keep this filling chilled until ready to use.
- 3. Sprinkle some flour on the work surface and onto a rolling pin. Roll out the puff pastry to a long rectangle, about 15cm wide and the thickness of a £1 coin.
- 4. Place spoonfuls of the butternut mixture along the full length of the pastry to make a continuous 'rope' of filling.
- 5. Brush one long edge of the pastry with beaten egg this will act as the glue.
- 6. Fold the un-egged side of the pastry over the filling and press it onto the egg-washed long edge. Use a fork to press the edges together and create a decorative finish.
- 7. Using a serrated knife, cut the long roll into 12 even pieces and place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Brush each roll with beaten egg. Place rolls for 10 mins in the fridge to firm up.
- 8. Heat the oven to 200°C Gas 6.
- Bake for about 20 minutes until golden brown and puffed up.Cool before eating as the filling gets very hot.



Equipment

- mixing bowl
- spoons
- fork
- chopping board
- sharp knife
- rolling pin
- pastry brush
- baking tray
- baking paper
- cooling rack

Recipe notes and tips

- This is a great hand-held lunchbox idea
- Roast the butternut when you have the oven on for something else. Drizzle the cut side with some olive oil and roast for about 45-60 minutes.
- The filling should be cold before using and it is advisable to chill the rolls before baking so the filling doesn't ooze out.