## QUICK & HEALTHY CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Ø GF, VEG, RSF ◯ 1 hr 30 mins △ 12



## Ingredients

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> whole oranges roughly chopped (include the skin)
- 300g pitted dates
- 200g pitted prunes
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup coconut oil
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups water
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups currants
- 200g organic dried apricots, finely chopped
- 100g pitted prunes, roughly chopped
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 350g almond meal
- 1 tsp vanilla bean powder or paste
- 1 tbs cinnamon
- 1 tsp allspice
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp clove
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp sea salt



Method

- *I.* Preheat oven to 190C.
- 2. Grease a medium sized pudding bowl.
- 3. Combine dates, prunes (200g), orange and water into a saucepan and bring to boil.
- 4. Simmer for 10mins or until the water has evaporated and the dates have formed a thick paste (the oranges will still be intact, this is ok).
- 5. Stir through the coconut oil and set aside to cool.
- 6. Place the cooled date mix into a food processor and process until smooth.
- 7. Transfer to a large bowl and add chopped apricots and prunes (100g), currants, almond meal, vanilla, cinnamon, allspice, clove, nutmeg and the eggs and mix well.
- 8. Pour the mixture into your prepared pudding bowl.
- Place the pudding bowl into a deep baking tray (I use a roasting tray), then pour in hot water until it reaches <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the way up the roasting tray.
- 10. Cover the tray and pudding with a layer of baking paper and foil. Make sure it is completely sealed so no steam can escape.
- 11. Bake for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 12. Carefully remove the tray from the oven, but be careful there is very hot water in the tray!
- *13.* Remove the foil and paper away from yourself to ensure you don't get burnt by the steam escaping.
- 14. Loosen the edges of the pudding with a knife and turn onto a serving plate.
- 15. Serve with <u>Almond Milk Creme Anglaise</u>. Enjoy!

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