

A simple bake that tastes even better on day two! The coriander pesto sets the lentils alight, and it looks really well if you keep back a little to drizzle on top before serving. Serve with a simple green salad.

## **INGREDIENTS**

2 medium carrots

150g green beans

250g potatoes

750g sweet potatoes

400g Puy lentils, or other green or brown lentils

2 bay leaves

Leaves from 6 sprigs of fresh thyme

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

50ml tamari

approx. 100ml non-dairy milk

approx. 1 teaspoon salt

A pinch of freshly ground black pepper

## For the pesto

A good bunch of fresh coriander (approx.50g)

3 cloves of garlic

1 teaspoon salt

100ml oil

100ml water

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Cut the carrots into bite-size pieces. Trim the green beans and cut them in half. Cut the unpeeled potatoes and sweet potatoes into evenly sized pieces.
- 2. Rinse the lentils and put them into a large family-size pan with the carrots, bay leaves, thyme, salt, black pepper, tamari and 1 litre of water. Turn the heat up high and put the lid on the pan. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, leave the lid ajar so that the steam can evaporate, and simmer for a further 25 minutes, until the lentils are cooked and nearly all the liquid has gone.
- 3. Put the potatoes and sweet potatoes into a large pan with enough water to cover. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 15 minutes, until tender. Drain, then put them back into the

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pan and mash with a potato masher or fork, slowly adding the milk and mashing as you go until you reach the desired consistency. Season with salt and black pepper.

- 4. Preheat the oven to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}/400^{\circ}\text{F/gas}$  mark 6.
- 5. Roughly chop the coriander (leaves and stalks) and put into a blender or food processor with the peeled whole cloves of garlic and the other pesto ingredients. Blend until reasonably smooth.
- 6. Once the lentils are soft and cooked through, stir in the coriander pesto and add the green beans.
- 7. Put the lentil mix into a baking dish and cover with the mash, spiking it up with your fork so that you get some crispy bits. Bake in the oven for 25 minutes.

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