



Blackened courgette with bulgur and olive salad

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30 minutes

Preparation Time

15 minutes, plus 5 hours dehydrating

Cooking Time

4 serves

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Dried olives

100 g kalamata olives, pitted

Caper and golden sultana dressing

50 g golden sultanas

1 English breakfast tea bag

1 3/4 tbsp salted capers

40 ml extra virgin olive oil

25 ml chardonnay vinegar

Bulgur wheat

200 g coarse bulgur wheat230 ml vegetable stock or water

Blackened courgette

3 x medium courgette (600 g)

Neutral oil

½ tbsp sumac

½ tbsp mint, dried

1/2 tbsp salt flakes

Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

Extra virgin olive oil

To serve

1 ½ cups flat leaf parsley,picked and chopped½ cup mint, picked and choppedSalt flakes, to taste

METHOD

Dried olives

- 1. Rinse the olives well and drain.
- 2. Place the olives on a baking tray in the oven on shelf position 2 and dehydrate on Conventional at 85°C for 5 hours, or until dried.
- 3. Slice into small rings.

Caper and golden sultana dressing

- 1. In a heatproof bowl, place the sultanas and tea bag and cover with boiling water. Steep for 20 minutes, drain and discard the tea bag.
- 2. Remove 1 ½ tbsp of sultanas and set aside to garnish the salad.
- 3. Rinse the capers and place in cold water for 20 minutes, changing the water
- 3 times over this period. Drain and set aside.
- 4. Place the remaining sultanas, capers, extra virgin olive oil and vinegar into a small blender and process until smooth.

Bulgur wheat

- 1. Place the bulgur wheat and stock into an unperforated steam container.
- 2. Place into the steam oven and Steam at 100°C for 9 minutes. Allow to cool.

Blackened courgette

- 1. Slice off a couple of millimetres from both ends of the courgette, leaving the shape and some of the stalk.
- 2. Rub lightly with the oil and place on a grilling and roasting insert into a universal tray, keeping space in-between each courgette.
- 3. Preheat the oven on Full Grill at 300°C.
- 4. Place the universal tray on shelf position 5 and set a timer for 10 minutes.
- 5. Turn the courgettes over and cook for an additional 5 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes on the grilling and roasting insert.
- 7. Slice lengthwise down each courgette leaving the courgette attached at the bottom and spread open slightly.
- 8. In a small bowl, mix the sumac, mint and salt flakes together. Sprinkle a little over the exposed courgette flesh and grind over some black pepper.
- 9. Drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil.

To serve

- 1. In a large bowl, toss the bulgur wheat, parsley, mint, dried olives and 5 tbsp of the dressing. Add more dressing if needed and season to taste.
- 2. Place the bulgur wheat and herb salad on a serving platter. Lay the courgettes over the bulgur wheat and sprinkle the remaining sultanas on top.
- 3. Serve with remaining sumac and mint salt.

Hints and tips

- Use as little oil as you can on the courgettes to minimize any smoke.
- Fresh olives can be used instead of dehydrated olives if preferred.
- You can make your own dried mint in the oven by dehydrating on Conventional at 50°C for 2-4 hours, depending on the volume.
- If you have Drying function on your oven, the dehydrating time of the mint and olives can be reduced significantly.
- Coarse bulgur wheat is best for this dish, as it has a great texture to balance the soft courgette.
- Quinoa or Freekah can be used if you can't source bulgur wheat.
- Bulgur (or sometimes spelled bulghur), is coarse or fine cracked wheat that has been cracked, cleaned, partially cooked and then ground into various sizes.