





### **BE AN ENERGY EFFICIENT CHAMPION**

The demand for energy is increasing and it is vital that all South Africans play their part in reducing energy consumption and wastage. Currently, most households use around 1100 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month due to energy-consuming appliances such as geysers, pool pumps, heaters, etc.

49M is a campaign aimed at encouraging all energy consumers to cut back on their electricity usage by 10%. The campaign provides practical tips on how to manage your electricity usage in your home or business more efficiently.

It is these small changes in energy usage behaviour that can have a big impact on not only your monthly bill, but all South Africans and the environment as a whole.

Join 49M, as every little bit helps.

## **MEALS WITH ENERGY IN MIND**

It's surprising to realise that a considerable amount of that energy usage comes from the kitchen.

49M's commitment to save energy by 10% is the inspiration behind this cookbook. It has been carefully crafted to optimise the energy usage of your cooking appliances, and to offer energy efficient meal ideas that are both tasty and nutritional.

Who said saving electricity couldn't be fun and delicious?

Bon appétit!

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# **ENERGY-SAVING COOKING HINTS AND TIPS**

Making huge energy savings starts with the smallest of habits.

# Before you start indulging in some of the recipes presented in this book, it is important to review your kitchen habits.

- 1. Put the lid on your pot and speed up your cooking by 6%.
- 2. Use one-pot dishes and stacked steamers to cook meals on one ring.
- 3. Chop your veggies into small pieces to cook faster.
- Match your pans to the size of the rings on the hob to stop heat escaping.
- 5. Use the kettle to boil only the water you need.
- 6. Cook in bulk and save time and money by making meals you can store for another day.
- Be patient when using the oven and don't open the door and let the heat escape.
- Defrost frozen food in the fridge as opposed to the microwave before cooking, to save time and power.
- 9. Cut your cooking time by using foods at room temperature.
- Heat up your leftovers in the microwave or on the stove rather than in the oven.
- 11. Bake several dishes in the oven at the same time.
- 12. In a fan-assisted oven you can reduce the temperature by 10°C and unless you are baking cakes, you can turn the oven off 10 minutes before the end of the cooking time.
- Invest in good-quality heavy-based pots and pans with tight-fitting lids.
- 14. Keep your pots and pans clean and shiny.
- 15. Let warm foods cool down before you put them in the fridge.
- Make sure air can circulate freely around the back of your fridge or freezer.
- 17. Make sure your fridge and freezer are set at the right temperature.
- 18. Don't keep your fridge or freezer open for long.
- 19. Keep your fridge and freezer away from heat sources like your oven or direct sunlight.
- 20. Only use the dishwasher when you have a full load.
- 21. Switch off appliances at the plug when not in use.
- 22. Defrost freezers regularly to reduce energy consumption.







## **CHOOSING A STOVE OR HOB**

- Gas hobs require only a small amount of electricity to light them, so choosing a gas/ electric hob is a great way to save power.
- 2. Choose ceramic hobs over solid plate ones as they are more efficient.
- 3. An induction hob uses a magnetic field to instantly heat up, even faster than gas.
- The only drawback of the induction hob is that you will need to invest in magneticbased pots and pans, but the long-term benefits will soon pay off.
- Choose a free-standing single- or doubleplate portable induction cooker that can sit on your countertop and plug directly into a wall socket.
- The SABS approved IH Induction cooker uses 50% less power than a traditional hob and cooks up to 64 times faster.

## SLOW COOKERS, PRESSURE COOKERS AND ELECTRIC FRYING PANS: MEALS WITH ENERGY IN MIND

Save power by using these energy-saving appliances to prepare your meals.

- Slow cookers are more energy efficient for cooking dishes such as casseroles, curries and even puddings. They use only 300 watts to cook over 3 - 12 hours, which is more than 50% less than a traditional oven.
- 2. Pressure cookers use high pressure to cook food faster and save energy.
- Electric frying pans save power and are versatile enough to use for almost anything.

#### **WONDERBAGTM**

The Wonderbag<sup>™</sup>, a simple heat-retention cooker developed in South Africa, can save up to 30% on fuel and electricity costs. The Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> cuts down on energy usage, as once food has been brought to the boil using a heat source, the warm pot containing the food is placed immediately in the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and the food slowly cooks without using any additional energy. It is made of two polycotton bags which are filled with either recycled polystyrene balls or foam chips which provide the insulation needed to complete the cooking process and keep the food warm. Call Wonderbag on +27 31 536 8220 to buy yours.



#### **HAYBOXES**

Haybox cooking, also known as retained-heat cooking, is an age-old technique that uses very little energy. In the past, hay, feathers or wool were used for insulation; nowadays a blanket and a cooler box will suffice. The energy generated in a short time on the stove is then conserved through insulation for up to 24 hours. Food can be left in the Haybox until it's ready to serve – and it will be piping hot. Buy one from www.thehotboxco.co.za, support the Saklathiso initiative by calling 021 712 6424 or make your own.

### **MICROWAVES**

Microwaves use a lot of energy when operating, but because cooking times are so drastically reduced, using a microwave to prepare a meal will reduce energy use by about two-thirds compared to a conventional oven.

Convection or fan-assisted microwaves are about 20% more energy efficient than conventional ovens because the heated air is continuously circulated around the food being cooked, reducing required temperature and cooking times.

The LG Solardom is a lightwave oven, grill and convection oven all rolled into one. It works up to four times faster than conventional ovens at a fraction of the electricity usage, making it the perfect



eco-friendly addition to any kitchen. Gone are the days of preheating, because the Solardom can be heated up to 320°C in only 5 minutes. It includes features to boost energy efficiency and cooking performance, such as temperature probes and controls to turn off the oven when food is cooked.

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## OXTAIL STEW WITH DUMPLINGS

4 SERVES

This delicious oxtail recipe is perfect for cold winter nights and is easy to prepare in advance if you are enjoying the company of family and friends. On an electric hob, or in the oven at 160°C, this recipe would simmer for 3 - 4 hours and the dumplings for 20 minutes before serving.

#### **STEW INGREDIENTS**

1kg oxtail 125ml seasoned flour 30ml oil

2 chopped onions 10ml chopped garlic

400g can of chopped tomatoes 15ml tomato paste 500ml beef stock 1 cinnamon stick

1 bay leaf

1 - 2 carrots, peeled and chopped salt and pepper to taste

#### **DUMPLING INGREDIENTS**

250ml self-raising flour 5ml baking powder

2ml salt 30g butter

5ml dried mixed herbs 1 egg, beaten 30 - 40ml water

#### Preparing the oxtail

- 1. Toss the meat in the seasoned flour.
- 2. Heat some oil in a saucepan and brown the meat in batches, then remove and set aside.
- 3. Add more oil to pan and fry the onion and garlic until soft.
- 4. Return the meat and add the tomatoes, tomato paste, stock, cinnamon, bay leaf and carrots and bring to the boil.
- 5. Simmer for 20 minutes.
- 6. Remove the pot and place it in the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal well.
- 7. Set aside for 5 hours.
- 8. Remove the pot from the bag and return it to the stove top.
- 9. Add the dumplings and cover with the lid.
- 10. Boil for 5 minutes.
- 11. Return the pot to the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and leave for 30 minutes.
- 12. Serve immediately.

#### Preparing the dumplings

- 1. Put the flour, baking powder and salt into a mixing bowl.
- 2. Rub in the butter.
- Add the mixed herbs.
- 4. Combine the egg and water and add to the flour mixture to form stiff dough.





## CARDAMOM SPICED RICE PILAF



The perfect accompaniment for a stew, curry or casserole, the delicately spiced rice is a delicious addition to any meal. The rice would simmer on an electric hob for 20 - 30 minutes.

#### **PILAF INGREDIENTS**

| 30ml    | oil                        | 5ml   | tenugreek seeds             |
|---------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1       | onion, finely chopped      | 6     | fresh or dried curry leaves |
| 1       | garlic clove, crushed      | 500ml | basmati rice                |
| 15ml    | finely grated fresh ginger | 625ml | chicken or vegetable stock  |
| 4       | cardamom pods, bruised     | 100g  | salted pistachio kernels    |
| 2 x 3cm | cinnamon sticks            | 100g  | toasted cashew nuts         |
| 10ml    | black mustard seeds        | 250ml | chopped coriander           |
| 5ml     | ground cumin               |       | salt and black pepper       |

#### Preparation of rice

- 1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Add onion, garlic and ginger and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes until onion softens.
- 3. Add cardamom, cinnamon, mustard seeds, cumin, fenugreek and curry leaves and cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until aromatic.
- 4. Add rice and stir to coat in spice mixture.
- 5. Add stock and bring to the boil.
- 6. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- 7. Put the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal well.
- 8. Set aside for 3 hours.
- 9. Remove from the bag and stir in pistachios, cashews and coriander.
- 10. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

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## BEETROOT, FETA AND COUSCOUS SALAD



This delicious salad adds a touch of colour to any meal, combining the delicate tastes of feta and couscous into a salad fit for a king. The beetroot also cooks well in a pressure cooker (15 minutes) or needs to boil for 1 - 2 hours on a stove top.

#### **SALAD INGREDIENTS**

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bunch of spring onions,
white part only, finely chopped

60ml coriander, finely chopped 60ml parsley, finely chopped

60ml dried cranberries, roughly chopped

salt and pepper

#### DRESSING INGREDIENTS

45ml olive oil
25ml lemon juice
5ml chopped garlic salt and pepper

pillow packet of rocket feta cheese, crumbled

#### **Preparation of salad**

- 1. Clean and trim the beetroot.
- 2. Place in a pot and cover with water.
- 3. Bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the heat and place the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup>.
- 5. Seal tightly and leave for 5 6 hours or overnight.
- 6. Remove from the bag, drain and peel the beetroot.
- 7. Cut the beetroot into wedges and place in a bowl.
- 8. Combine the olive oil and balsamic glaze and pour over the beetroot.
- 9. Season to taste and set aside.
- 10. Put the couscous in a bowl.
- 11. Pour over the stock, cover and set aside for 2 3 minutes.
- 12. Fluff with a fork.
- 13. Mix in the spring onions, herbs and cranberries.
- 14. Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and seasoning and mix well.
- 15. Pour over the couscous and mix to combine.
- 16. Spread the couscous on to a serving platter.
- 17. Top with the rocket leaves.
- 18. Scatter over the beetroot and finally sprinkle with feta cheese.



## **PESTO POTATO SALAD**



Add a touch of Italian flavour to your traditional potato salad with home-made pesto, perfect for a lazy Sunday lunch.

#### **SALAD INGREDIENTS**

1kg baby potatoes, washed 250ml grated Parmesan cheese

375ml basil leaves 80 - 100ml olive oil

5ml chopped garlic salt and pepper 50g pine nuts

## Preparation of salad

1. Wash the potatoes and put them in a pot with water.

- 2. Bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes.
- 3. Put the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal tightly.
- 4. Set aside for 4 hours or overnight.
- 5. Remove from the bag and drain.
- 6. Put the basil, garlic, pine nuts and Parmesan in a food processor and pulse twice.
- 7. With the machine running, add in the olive oil to form a smooth paste.
- 8. Season with salt and pepper.
- 9. Cut the potatoes in half and mix with the pesto while still warm.
- 10 Season well and serve





## TRADITIONAL BOLOGNAISE SAUCE



Bring Mama into your home with this delicious home-made Italian bolognaise sauce you can easily store to use when you have a craving for good food. On a stove hob this sauce needs to simmer for about an hour.

#### **BOLOGNAISE INGREDIENTS**

| 45ml | olive oil                 | 45ml  | tomato paste                  |
|------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 2    | large onions, chopped     | 2     | 400g cans of chopped tomatoes |
| 4    | cloves of garlic, crushed | 250ml | beef stock                    |
| 2    | carrots, grated           | 125ml | dry white wine                |
| 3    | stalks of celery, chopped | 1     | bay leaf                      |
| 1kg  | minced beef               | 60ml  | chopped basil                 |
| 45ml | flour                     |       | salt and pepper               |

#### Preparation of bolognaise

- 1. Heat the oil and sauté the onion, garlic, carrot and celery until soft.
- 2. Add the minced beef and let it brown.
- 3. Add the flour and cook for a minute.
- 4. Add the tomato paste, tinned tomatoes, beef stock and wine.
- 5. Put in the bay leaf and season well.
- 6. Bring to the boil and simmer for about 20 minutes.
- 7. Put the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal tightly.
- 8. Leave for 5 hours.
- 9. Remove from the bag and stir in the basil before serving.



## BEEF AND BEER CASSEROLE



This winter, tuck into this delicious casserole and let the warm flavour chase away the cold. Also perfect for freezing and if you want to make this on the stove you'll need to simmer your casserole for 2 - 3 hours.

#### **CASSEROLE INGREDIENTS**

| 1kg  | soft shin            | 2     | carrots, sliced      |
|------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 60ml | seasoned flour       | 375ml | beer or stout        |
| 45ml | olive oil            | 250ml | beef stock           |
| 1    | large onion, chopped | 30ml  | Worcestershire sauce |

salt and pepper

10ml chopped garlic

2 - 3

#### Preparation of casserole

1. Toss the meat in seasoned flour.

celery stalks, sliced

- 2. Heat the oil and brown the pieces of shin.
- Remove and set aside.
- 4. Add the onion, celery and garlic and cook for about 5 minutes until soft.
- 5. Add the carrots, beer, stock and Worcestershire sauce and bring to the boil.
- 6. Return the meat to the pot, season well, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 7. Put the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal well.
- 8 Set aside for 5 hours
- 9. Remove the pot from the Wonderbag<sup>TM</sup> and serve the casserole with mashed potatoes or rice.

## LAMB CURRY BUNNYCHOW



A lightly spiced lamb curry is delicious with sambals, roti, poppadoms and as a bunnychow, perfect for a lazy evening with friends. On an electric stove, this curry takes about 2 - 3 hours to prepare.

#### **CURRY INGREDIENTS**

| ıkg  | lamb knuckies    | bmi  | cniiii powaer      |
|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 60ml | seasoned flour   | 10ml | ground cumin       |
| 30ml | oil              | 10ml | ground coriander   |
| 2    | onions, chopped  | 5ml  | salt               |
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10ml chopped garlic 400g can of chopped tomatoes 15ml chopped ginger 125ml coconut cream or plain yoghurt

5ml turmeric 30ml chopped coriander

#### Preparation of bunnychow

- 1 Toss the lamb in seasoned flour. Heat the oil and brown the meat in batches.
- 2. Remove and set aside.
- 3. Add the onions, garlic and ginger and cook for a few minutes.
- 4 Add the spices and salt and cook until fragrant.
- Add the tomatoes and return the lamb to the pot. 5.
- 6 Bring to the boil and simmer covered for 20 minutes.
- 7. Place the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup>, seal well and leave for 3 - 4 hours. The meat should be very tender.
- 8
- Remove the meat from the bones and discard the bones.
- 9. Stir in the coconut cream and coriander.
- 10. Spoon into hollowed out bread and serve. – See Mini Bunnychow recipe (p73)



## **VEGETABLE CURRY**



The perfect option for the vegetarian, with a delicate spice and heartwarming effect. On the hob, this meal takes about 30 - 40 minutes to prepare. Can also be delicious as a vegetarian bunnychow.

#### **CURRY INGREDIENTS**

| 30ml | oil                  | 5ml   | ground cardamom                   |
|------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | large onion, chopped | 1     | stick of cinnamon                 |
| 10ml | chopped garlic       | 1     | large potato, peeled and diced    |
| 10ml | chopped ginger       | 1     | large brinjal, peeled and cubed   |
| 2ml  | turmeric             | 3 - 4 | baby marrows, cut into 2cm pieces |
| 5ml  | ground cumin         | 200g  | butternut, cubed                  |
| 5ml  | ground coriander     | 400g  | can of chopped tomatoes           |
| 3ml  | chilli powder        |       | salt and pepper                   |
| 5ml  | garam masala         |       | chopped coriander for serving     |
|      | •                    |       |                                   |

#### **Preparation of curry**

- 1. Heat the oil and fry the onion, garlic and ginger for a minute.
- 2. Add the spices and cook until fragrant.
- 3. Add the vegetables and cook for a minute.
- 4. Add the tomatoes and season well.
- 5. Bring to the boil and simmer covered for 10 minutes.
- 6. Place in the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal well.
- 7. Leave for 3 hours.
- 8. Serve sprinkled with coriander on basmati rice or naan bread.

<sup>\*</sup>Recipe for bread (p73)





#### WONDERBAG™ COOKING

## **BLACK EYED BEAN AND CHICKPEA SALAD**



For the health conscious this low GI meal is rich in fibre and vitamin B and is perfect as a side dish or main meal.

| SALAD IN | IGREDIENTS                            | DRESSING |                 |  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| 250ml    | dried black eyed beans                | 60ml     | olive oil       |  |
| 250ml    | dried chickpeas                       | 30ml     | lemon juice     |  |
| 1        | bag mixed lettuce leaves              | 5ml      | chopped garlic  |  |
| 1        | English cucumber, peeled &            | 5ml      | Dijon mustard   |  |
|          | chopped                               | 10ml     | honey           |  |
| 250g     | cherry tomatoes, halved               |          | salt and pepper |  |
| 1        | small red pepper, diced               |          |                 |  |
| 1        | small red onion, cut into thin wedges |          |                 |  |

#### **Preparation of salad**

- 1. Soak the beans and chickpeas in plenty of water overnight.
- 2. Next day drain and place in a pot with water to cover generously.
- 3. Bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes.
- 4. Place the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and leave for 5 6 hours or overnight.
- 5. Drain and rinse the beans and chickpeas.
- 6. Line a serving dish with lettuce leaves.
- 7. Combine the beans, chickpeas, cucumber, tomatoes, red pepper and onion in a bowl and toss to combine. Spoon over the lettuce and pour over the dressing.
- 8. To make the dressing, combine the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, mustard and honey in a screw-top jar and shake well.

**Note:** It is very important to boil any beans cooked in a slow cooker or Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> rapidly for 10 minutes to destroy the toxins.

#### WONDERBAG™ COOKING

## **SAVOURY PAP**



Add a savoury touch to traditional pap and give it a new gourmet taste. On an electric hob this takes 20 - 30 minutes to prepare.

#### PAP INGREDIENTS

| 1litre | water                  | 5ml   | salt       |
|--------|------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1      | red pepper, chopped    | 50g   | butter     |
| 1      | green pepper, chopped  | 350ml | maize meal |
| 1      | yellow pepper, chopped |       |            |

#### Preparation of pap

- 1. Bring the water to the boil.
- 2. Add the peppers, salt and butter and boil for 5 minutes.
- 3. Add maize meal while stirring until the mixture is thick and smooth.
- 4. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.
- 5. Stir well and place in the Wonderbag™.
- 6. Seal and leave for about 1 hour.
- 7. Remove from the bag.
- 8. Stir well and adjust seasoning.





## CHICKEN AND CHORIZO CASSEROLE



Enjoy this mouth-watering casserole with a touch of Italy, perfect for entertaining friends or family. In a conventional oven the chicken would need an hour and a half at 180°C.

#### **CASSEROLE INGREDIENTS**

| 60ml | seasoned flour          | 125ml | dry white wine                 |
|------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 8    | chicken thighs          | 125ml | chicken stock                  |
| 45ml | olive oil               | 370ml | bottle of prepared pasta sauce |
| 1    | large onion, chopped    | 125ml | pitted black olives            |
| 10ml | chopped garlic          | 30ml  | chopped rosemary               |
| 200g | chorizo sausage, sliced |       | salt and pepper                |

#### **Preparation of casserole**

- 1. Put the flour into a plastic bag.
- 2. Add the chicken pieces and shake until well coated.
- 3. Heat the olive oil in a heavy-based pot and brown the chicken all over.
- 4. Remove and set aside.
- 5. Add the onion and the garlic and fry until soft.
- 6. Add the chorizo and fry for a few minutes.
- 7. Add the wine, stock and pasta sauce and bring to a simmer.
- 8. Return the chicken to the pot and add the olives and rosemary. Season well.
- 9. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 10. Transfer the pot to the Wonderbag<sup>TM</sup> and seal tightly.
- 11. Set aside for 4 hours.
- 12. Remove from the bag and serve with rice or couscous.

## **GLÜHWEIN POACHED PEARS**



The Wonderbag™ allows the red wine to penetrate right through the succulent pears, turning them a rich warm colour, perfect for dessert on a romantic night in. On an electric hob you would need to simmer the pears for 40 to 50 minutes.

#### POACHED PEAR INGREDIENTS

750ml red wine 250ml brown sugar 1 vanilla bean, split 1 cinnamon stick whole star aniseadd a few strips of orange rind8 pears, peeled, keeping the stalk intact



#### Preparation of poached pears

- 1. Combine the wine, sugar, vanilla, spices and orange peel in a pot and bring to the boil.
- 2. Add the pears to fit snugly.
- 3. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 4. Put the pot into the Wonderbag<sup>™</sup> and seal well.
- 5. Leave for 5 hours or overnight.
- 6. Remove the pot from the bag and take out the pears.
- 7. Rapidly boil the remaining syrup for 5 10 minutes to reduce and become thickened.
- 8. For a quicker option you can replace the wine and spices with a 750ml bottle of ready prepared Glühwein.





## PRESSURE COOKING

Pressure cookers use high pressure to cook faster to save energy.





## PRAWN AND CHORIZO RISOTTO

This Italian risotto is a heartwarming addition to any meal, making you a sure favourite with anyone you choose to share it with. On a stove top the risotto would take about 20 or 30 minutes.

#### **RISOTTO INGREDIENTS**

200g chorizo sausage, diced 1 onion, chopped 5ml crushed garlic

1 stick of celery, chopped

250ml risotto rice 60ml white wine 600ml chicken or vegetable stock 125ml grated Parmesan cheese

60g butter

300g cooked prawns 60ml chopped parsley

salt and pepper



#### **Preparation of risotto**

- 1. Set the pressure cooker to simmer.
- 2. Add the chorizo and simmer for 5 minutes until it releases some oil.
- 3. Remove and set aside.
- 4. Add the onion to the pot with the garlic and celery, simmer for 2 3 minutes.
- 5. Add the rice and stir until well coated with the oil.
- 6. Add the wine and simmer until the wine has evaporated.
- 7. Add the stock.
- 8. Seal the pressure cooker and set the time for 6 minutes. On high pressure.
- 9. Use the quick release method to cool the pressure cooker down.
- 10. Set it on the simmer function and add the cheese, butter and prawns.
- 11. Stir until well-combined.
- 12. Season to taste and stir in the parsley just before serving.



## MOROCCAN LAMB SHANKS



Melt-in-the-mouth lamb, slow-cooked with all the fantastically aromatic flavours of North Africa, this dish is also ideal to cook in a slow cooker. After browning the meat and cooking the onions and spices, transfer the mixture to a slow cooker and cook according to the instructions for 7 - 8 hours. Lamb shanks would simmer on an electric hob for 3 - 4 hours or cook in an oven at 160°C for 3 - 4 hours.

#### MOROCCAN LAMB INGREDIENTS

| 45ml | olive oil            | 1      | cinnamon stick        |
|------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 4    | lamb shanks          | 1litre | lamb or chicken stock |
| 1    | large onion, chopped | 2 - 3  | carrots, sliced       |
| 15ml | chopped garlic       |        | salt and pepper       |
| 20ml | Moroccan spice mix   |        | chopped coriander     |

#### **Preparation of Moroccan lamb**

- 1. Heat the oil in the pressure cooker and brown the lamb.
- Remove and set aside.
- 3. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook until soft.
- 4. Add the spice and fry until fragrant.
- 5. Add the cinnamon stick and stock and bring to the boil.
- 6. Return the meat to the pan.
- 7. Add the carrots.
- 8. Seal the cooker and set it to high pressure.
- 9. Cook for 40 50 minutes depending on the size of the shanks.
- 10. Switch off the pressure cooker and allow the steam to go down.
- 11. Remove the lid and adjust the seasoning.
- 12. Stir in the coriander and serve on a bed of couscous or with mashed potato.





#### PRESSURE COOKING

## QUICK AND EASY LEEK AND POTATO SOUP

A delicious soup perfect for a quick snack, a starter or a main meal. The soup would boil on an electric hob for 30 - 40 minutes.

#### **SOUP INGREDIENTS**

| 30ml | olive oil                              | 1litre | chicken stock         |
|------|--|--------|-----------------------|
| 30g  | butter                                 | 250ml  | sour cream            |
| 3    | medium leeks (white part only), sliced |        | salt and pepper       |
| 1    | medium onion, chopped                  |        | chopped fresh parsley |
| 4    | notatoes, neeled and thinly sliced     |        |                       |

#### **Preparation of soup**

- 1. Set the pressure cooker to sauté and add the oil and butter.
- 2. Add the leeks and onion and sauté for 2 3 minutes.
- 3. Add the potatoes and chicken stock.
- 4. Change the setting to high pressure and set the time for 8 minutes.
- 5. Allow the pressure to go down naturally.
- 6. Remove the lid and pureé the soup in a blender until smooth.
- 7. Add the sour cream and mix.
- 8. Season to taste and serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.

#### PRESSURE COOKING

### **EASY PULLED PORK**



Perfect with fresh coleslaw and served on a crusty roll, this delicious pork dish is easy to prepare and worth every second you wait for serving. You can also make this recipe in a slow cooker. In a conventional oven it needs 3 - 4 hours at 160°C.

#### **PORK INGREDIENTS**

| 30ml | olive oil                          | 400g  | can of chopped tomatoes        |
|------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1kg  | piece of pork neck                 | 125ml | chutney                        |
| 2    | medium brown onions, thinly sliced | 125ml | water                          |
| 3    | garlic cloves, crushed             |       | salt and pepper                |
| 15ml | ground cumin                       |       | crusty bread rolls for serving |
| 30ml | ground coriander                   |       |                                |
| 2    | dried bay leaves                   |       |                                |

#### **Preparation of pork**

- 1. Set the pressure cooker to browning.
- 2. Add the oil and brown the meat all over.
- Remove and set aside.
- 4. Add the onions and garlic and change the setting to sauté.
- 5. Cook for 2 3 minutes.
- 6. Add the spices, bay leaves, tomatoes, chutney, water and mix well.
- 7. Return the meat to the pot and season well.
- 8. Seal the pressure cooker and set on high pressure for 50 minutes.
- 9. Allow steam to go down naturally.
- 10. When steam is released, open the pot and remove the meat.
- 11. Shred the meat with two forks and mix with enough of the cooking sauce to make a moist mixture.
- 12. Serve on crusty rolls. Add sliced tomatoes and lettuce, if desired.





## PRESSURE COOKER CHEESECAKE

There is nothing quite as decadent as a creamy slice of fresh cheesecake and this recipe will be a favourite among your friends and family. In a conventional oven the cheesecake needs to bake at  $160^{\circ}$ C for 1 hour.

#### **CHEESECAKE INGREDIENTS**

200g digestive biscuits, crushed

80g butter, melted 500g thick cream cheese

125ml castor sugar

grated rind and juice of a lemon

3 eggs, beaten

raspberries for decorating

#### Preparation of cheesecake

- 1. Combine the biscuits and melted butter and mix well.
- 2. Press into the base of an 18cm spring form pan.
- 3. Put in the freezer while you prepare the filling.
- 4. Beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth.
- 5. Add the lemon rind and juice.
- 6. Add the eggs and mix well.
- 7. Pour this mixture into the pan.
- 8. Wrap the base and sides of the pan in a double layer of foil.
- Cut a long foil strip to act as a handle to lower and raise the pan into the pressure cooker.
- 10. Place the trivet into the pressure cooker.
- Add 500ml water.
- 12. Lower the pan on to the trivet.
- 13. Seal the pressure cooker.
- 14. Set it on high pressure for 15 minutes.
- 15. Quickly release the pressure after the time is up and remove the pan from the cooker using the foil handles.
- 16. Remove the foil from the pan.
- 17. Blot up any liquid that may have formed on the surface of the cheesecake with paper towel. Refrigerate for a few hours until well chilled.
- 18. Remove from the pan and place on a serving plate.
- 19. Decorate with raspberries.



# **NO BAKING REQUIRED**

Replace hot with cold when preparing these mouth-watering dishes.







#### NO BAKING REQUIRED

## **NO-BAKE MUESLI BALLS**



If you need a quick snack or treat for a lunchbox these museli balls are the perfect option. Usually cookies or crunchies would bake for 30 minutes in a conventional oven at 180°C.

#### **MUESLI BALL INGREDIENTS**

500mlmuesli cereal180mlbrown sugar60mlsunflower seeds125mlhoney60mlcashew nuts, chopped60gbutter

125ml dried cranberries, roughly chopped 125ml smooth peanut butter

#### Preparation of muesli balls

- 1. Combine the muesli, sunflower seeds, nuts and cranberries in a bowl.
- 2. Put the brown sugar, honey, butter and peanut butter in a small pot and cook on the induction plate, stirring constantly, for 5 minutes.
- 3. Remove from the heat and pour over the muesli mixture.
- 4. Mix well and set aside to cool.
- 5. Roll the mixture into balls and place on a tray and refrigerate until set.

#### NO BAKING REQUIRED

## FRUITY FRIDGE COOKIES



These fruity fridge cookies are perfect for *padkos*, lunchboxes, snacks and anytime treats.

#### FRIDGE COOKIE INGREDIENTS

125g butter

250ml mixed dried fruit such as raisins, sultanas or cranberries

150ml sugar

5ml vanilla essence 1 egg, beaten

200g packet of Marie biscuits, well crushed, but not crumbed

#### Preparation of fridge cookies

- Combine the butter, fruit and sugar in a saucepan and heat gently on an induction plate until butter is melted.
- 2. Turn up the heat and simmer for 2 3 minutes.
- 3. Remove from heat, add vanilla essence and cool slightly.
- 4. Stir in the egg, beating well.
- 5. Add the biscuits and mix well.
- 6. Press mixture into a lined and greased 20 x 24cm Lamington pan and put in the fridge to harden.
- 7. Cut into squares and store in the fridge.





# **ONE-POT MEALS**

One-pot meals save time and energy in preparation and power, and it also takes a fraction of the time to clean up! The perfect bachelor's choice.







## ONE-POT SAUSAGES WITH MUSHROOMS AND GRAVY



It is time for a new take on bangers and mash with this delicious and easy-to-make recipe.

#### **ONE-POT INGREDIENTS**

| 1    | packet beef or pork sausages | 2     | bay leaves                               |
|------|------------------------------|-------|--|
| 30ml | oil                          | 250ml | red wine                                 |
| 2    | onions, cut into wedges      | 250ml | beef stock                               |
| 4    | cloves garlic, chopped       | 250ml | baby carrots, halved lengthwise if large |
| 250g | button mushrooms, halved     | 25ml  | cornflour mixed with a little water      |
| 250g | brown cap mushrooms, halved  |       | salt and pepper                          |
| 1    | sprig of fresh thyme         |       |  |

- 1. Place a frying pan on an induction plate and fry the sausages in the oil over a medium heat until nicely browned.
- 2. Remove and set aside.
- 3. Add the onions and garlic and fry for 5 minutes.
- 4. Add mushrooms and fry for another 5 minutes.
- Add thyme, bay leaves, wine, stock and carrots, return sausages to saucepan, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.
- 6. Thicken the gravy with the cornflour and water, season to taste and serve with mashed potato or chunky bread rolls to mop up the gravy.

## ONE-POT SWEET AND SOUR PORK



Chinese food has never tasted so good. Replace the pork with chicken breast fillets or diced firm white fish.

#### **ONE-POT INGREDIENTS**

800g pork fillet, cut into strips
25ml soy sauce
10ml chopped garlic
400g can of pineapple chunks

45ml tomato sauce 15ml soy sauce 15ml lemon juice 30ml oil

red onion, cut into thin wedges small red pepper, sliced

1 - 2 carrots, julienned

10ml cornflour mixed with a little water

salt and pepper



- 1. Combine the pork with the soy sauce and garlic and set aside.
- 2. Drain the pineapple and combine the juice (you should have about 150ml) with the tomato sauce, soy sauce and lemon juice.
- 3. Heat the oil and fry the onion, pepper, carrot and pineapple.
- 4. Remove from the pan and set it aside.
- 5. Heat up the pan and add the pork and fry until browned and cooked through.
- 6. Return the pepper mixture to the pan and add the pineapple juice mixture.
- 7. Bring to the boil and simmer for about 5 minutes. Stir in the cornflour mixture and boil until it thickens.
- 8. Season and serve with rice or noodles.





## ONE-POT PRAWN AND NOODLE STIR FRY

Enjoy the flavours of the Far East with this fast and delicious stir fry.

#### **ONE-POT INGREDIENTS**

| 500g | egg noodles                           | 1    | large carrot, julienned        |
|------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 15ml | sesame oil                            | 30ml | dry sherry                     |
| 30ml | peanut oil                            | 30ml | tomato sauce                   |
| 1    | red onion, cut into thin wedges       | 30ml | sweet chilli sauce             |
| 15ml | chopped garlic                        | 45ml | soy sauce                      |
| 300g | fresh raw prawns, peeled and deveined | 2    | spring onions, finely shredded |
| 200g | mangetout, halved diagonally          | 60ml | chopped coriander              |
| 1    | small red pepper, thinly sliced       |      | salt and pepper                |
|      |                                       |      |                                |

- 1. Cover the noodles with boiling water and set aside for 15 minutes.
- 2. Drain and toss with the sesame oil.
- 3. Heat the peanut oil in a frying pan or a wok and fry the onion and garlic for a minute.
- 4. Add the prawns and cook until they just turn pink.
- 5. Add the mangetout, pepper and carrot and fry for another minute.
- 6. Combine the sherry, tomato sauce, sweet chilli sauce and soy sauce and mix well.
- 7. Add the noodles to the pan and toss to combine with the vegetables and prawns.
- 8. Add the tomato sauce mixture and heat through.
- 9. Stir in the spring onions and coriander and serve.
- 10. Note: The prawns can be replaced with chicken.



#### ONE-POT COOKING

## **ONE-POT SPICY CHICKEN WITH BEANS**



One-pot dishes are energy-saving, because you only use one plate on your stove and if you use induction heat it is even more energy efficient.

#### **ONE-POT INGREDIENTS**

| 30ml    | olive oil                     | 5ml   | ground cumin                     |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1       | onion chopped                 | 15ml  | flour                            |
| 3       | sticks celery chopped         | 400g  | can of chopped tomatoes          |
| 2       | cloves garlic chopped         | 125ml | chicken stock                    |
| 1       | red chilli seeded and chopped | 400g  | can of cannellini beans, drained |
| 500g    | chicken mince                 | 50ml  | chopped coriander                |
| 2 - 5ml | chilli powder                 |       |                                  |

- 1. Heat oil in a saucepan and fry onions, celery, garlic and chilli until soft.
- 2. Add mince and fry, breaking up lumps with a fork.
- 3. Add in spices and flour and fry for 2 3 minutes.
- 4. Add the tomatoes and stock, cover and simmer for 15 20 minutes.
- 5. Stir in the beans, heat through and serve garnished with chopped coriander.
- 6. This is delicious served in a pita or a wrap.



# **SOLARDOM COOKING**

Why microwave when you can lightwave?







#### SOLARDOM COOKING

## PERI-PERI ROAST CHICKEN



Bring the taste of Portuguese chicken home with this delicious peri-peri roast chicken. Roast the chicken in a conventional oven at 180°C for 1 hour.

#### **ROAST CHICKEN INGREDIENTS**

spatchcock chicken 3 - 5ml peri-peri spice 60ml olive oil 1 - 2 red chillis, chopped 30ml lemon juice 30ml chopped rosemary 60ml white wine salt and black pepper 10ml chopped garlic

#### Preparation of roast chicken

- 1. Put the chicken into a plastic bag.
- 2. Combine all the ingredients for the marinade and mix well.
- 3. Pour on to the chicken and massage well.
- 4. Seal the bag and set aside to marinate for 4 5 hours or overnight.
- 5. Remove the chicken from the marinade and place it in an ovenproof dish.
- 6. Microwave on Speed Combi 4 230°C + M/W 360W for 25 minutes.
- 7. Baste halfway with some of the marinade.
- 8. When the chicken is cooked, remove from the oven and set aside, covered, with foil for 10 minutes before carving.
- Put the remaining marinade in a bowl and microwave on full power for 2 minutes.
   Serve with the roast chicken

## HERB ROAST CHICKEN



Sunday lunch is made perfect with this succulent roast chicken, perfect with fresh vegetables or a delicious green salad. Roast the chicken in a conventional oven at 180°C for one and a half hours.

#### **ROAST CHICKEN INGREDIENTS**

50g butter, softened 10ml finely grated lemon zest 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1 large chicken 10ml finely chopped rosemary 1 onion, halved 10ml finely chopped thyme 1 lemon, halved 10ml chopped parsley salt and freshly ground pepper

#### Preparation of roast chicken

- 1. Place the butter, garlic, chopped herbs, lemon zest and seasoning into a bowl and mix well.
- Loosen the skin of the chicken at the breast bone by sliding your fingers between the skin and the flesh.
- 3. Work half of the herb butter under the skin and spread the remainder over the rest of the chicken. Put the onion and lemon in the cavity.
- 4. Place the chicken on a plate or in a shallow dish to catch the juices and roast on Speed Combi 4 230°C + M/W 360W for 22 25 minutes.
- 5. Test chicken by pulling the leg slightly away from the body to see the colour of the juices; if they are still pink, give it a few more minutes in the oven.
- 6. Remove from the oven, cover with foil and rest for 10 minutes before carving.





#### SOLARDOM COOKING

## **ROAST SALMON**



A romantic dinner needs something a little special. Try this delicious roast salmon recipe for the perfect dinner à deux.

#### **ROAST SALMON INGREDIENTS**

50mlorange juice5mlground ginger50mlsoy sauce5mlchopped garlic30mlhoney600gfresh salmon

2 spring onions, chopped

#### Preparation of roast salmon

- 1. In a small bowl, combine the first six ingredients.
- 2. Pour marinade into a ziplock plastic bag, add the salmon and turn to coat.
- 3. Seal bag and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning once or twice.
- 4. Line an ovenproof baking dish with foil.
- 5. Add the salmon and marinade and seal the foil to form a parcel.
- 6. Cook on Speed Combi 4 200°C + M/W 360W for 4 5 minutes until cooked to your liking.



# SOLARDOM COOKING

# MINI LOAVES



Enjoy this traditional Durban bunnychow for a taste of KwaZulu-Natal.

## MINI LOAF INGREDIENTS

4 x 250ml<br/>10mlflour<br/>salt30ml<br/>300 - 400mlolive oil<br/>warm water10gsachet instant yeastegg glaze

15ml sugar

## **Preparation of mini loaves**

- 1. Put the flour, salt, yeast and sugar into a bowl.
- Add the olive oil and enough warm water to make dough that is soft but not sticky.
   Knead well until smooth and elastic.
- 3. Place the dough into an oiled plastic bag and leave to rise until double in size.
- 4. Remove from the bag and knead.
- 5. Divide the dough into 12 portions.
- 6. Place each portion into a well-greased mini loaf pan.
- 7. Cover and leave to rise until double in size.
- 8. Brush with egg glaze and bake on Combi 5 180°C + M/W 180W for 10 12 minutes.
- 9. Remove and place loaves on a cooling rack.
- 10. When completely cold, cut the top off the loaves and hollow out the loaf.
- 11. Fill with curry and replace the lid.
- 12. Serve immediately.

# **SOLARDOM COOKING**

# YORKSHIRE PUDDING



Roast beef would not be complete without Yorkshire pudding. Try this easy-to-make recipe and enjoy the result.

#### **PUDDING INGREDIENTS**

250ml cake flour 4 eggs, beaten

200ml milk

pinch of salt and pepper sunflower oil for cooking

## **Preparation of Yorkshire pudding**

- 1. Put the flour into a bowl.
- 2. Combine the eggs and milk and use a wire whisk to stir it into the flour.
- 3. Mix well until a smooth batter is formed.
- 4. Add salt and pepper.
- 5. Set aside for 30 minutes.
- 6. Pour about 10ml of oil into 12 deep muffin cups and place in the Solardom on convection setting 220°C for 5 minutes.
- 7. Remove and guickly divide the batter between the muffin cups.
- 8. Return to the oven on Speed Combi 5 200°C + M/W 360W for 15 minutes.
- 9. Serve immediately with roast beef and gravy.





# FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH BERRIES

The perfect treat for the health conscious, this gluten-free chocolate cake ticks all the boxes. The cake would bake in a conventional oven at 180°C for 30 - 40 minutes.

#### **CAKE INGREDIENTS**

150g good-quality dark chocolate or carob 150g ground almonds 150g butter 250ml cream, whipped

125ml castor sugar fresh berries for serving

5 eggs, separated

#### **Preparation of cake**

- Put the chocolate in a bowl and melt in the microwave on defrost for 2 minutes or until melted and smooth.
- Remove and cool.
- 3. Cream the butter and castor sugar until light and fluffy.
- 4. Add the egg yolks a little at a time, beating after each addition.
- 5. Beat in the cooled melted chocolate and the almonds. Beat the egg whites until stiff, then fold them into the chocolate mixture.
- 6. Pour into a greased and base line 20cm cake pan and bake on Speed Combi 5 140°C
- + M/W 180W for 15 20 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the pan comes out clean.

  Remove and cool cake in the pan for 15 minutes before turning out.
- 8. When completely cold, top the cake with whipped cream and berries.



# **ENERGY EFFICIENT OVEN COOKING**

It is possible to reduce power and increase deliciousness.





# NO-ROAST, ROAST BEEF



Enjoy the perfect roast with only 20 minutes of oven baking time! Perfect for company.

#### **ROAST INGREDIENTS**

2kg sirloin roast

60ml flour

10ml dry mustard powder

salt and pepper

## HORSERADISH SAUCE INGREDIENTS

125ml mayonnaise

10ml prepared horseradish sauce

15ml lemon juice 5ml chopped dill 5ml chopped parsley

salt and pepper

## **Preparation of roast**

- 1. Preheat your oven to 250°C.
- 2. Make sure the meat is at room temperature.
- 3. Combine the flour, mustard powder and seasoning and mix well.
- 4. Rub the meat all over with this.
- 5. Place the meat in a roasting pan and put in the oven for 20 minutes.
- 6. Switch off the oven and leave it in there for 2 hours. Do not open the door during this time.
- 7. If your meat is a different weight, calculate the time by adding 5 minutes for every 500g.
- 8. After 2 hours remove the meat from the oven and carve it into slices.
- 9. It will be perfectly medium rare in the middle.
- 10. Serve with Yorkshire pudding (p74) or slice it and serve it cold with a horseradish sauce and salad.

#### Preparation of sauce

Combine all the ingredients and mix well.





# COLD OVEN LIME AND COCONUT CAKE

Save time and energy with this cold oven cake recipe: You don't need to preheat your oven, so you won't waste any heat.

## **CAKE INGREDIENTS**

180g butter250ml castor sugar15ml grated lime rind

6 eggs 375ml cake flour 10ml baking powder 250ml desiccated coconut

coconut flakes for decorating

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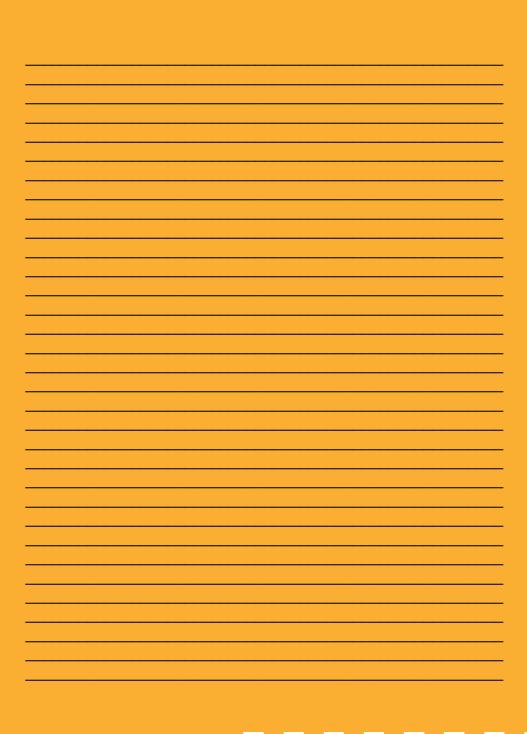
250ml sugar 150ml lime juice 125ml water

## **Preparation of cake**

- 1. Cream the butter, sugar and rind until light and fluffy.
- 2. Add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition.
- 3. Sift the flour and baking powder and mix into the creamed mixture.
- 4. Fold in the coconut.
- 5. Pour the mixture into a well-greased 22cm ring pan.

  Place in the cold oven and turn the temperature to 180°C on a fan setting.
- 6. Bake for 40 50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean.
- 7. To make the syrup, combine the sugar, lime juice and water in a small pot and bring to the boil.
- Simmer for 5 minutes.
- 9. Remove and set aside.
- 10. Remove the cake from the oven and pour the syrup over the cake.
- 11. Stand for 10 minutes before turning the cake on to a cooling rack.
- 12. Serve decorated with flaked coconut.

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