

Sparkle Kitchen

Chickpea Fritters (Pakoras)

Ingredients

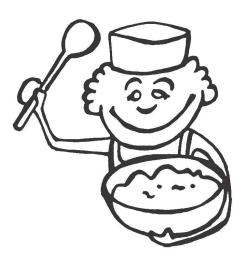
- 2 cups chickpea flour
- 1 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup finely grated carrot
- 1 cup peeled & finely grated potato
- 1 cup finely diced onion (or grated, if you're feeling brave)
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- coconut or avocado oil for frying

Directions

Place the flour in a large bowl, and add the warm water slowly while beating with an electric mixer. A thick batter will form. Place the bowl in a warm spot for 1/2 hour.

Mix the onion, carrot, potato, parsley, salt, and spices into the batter. Again, the batter will be thick.

Fill a heavy pot with 2 inches of oil, and heat to 300 degrees (or until very hot but not smoking). Spoon 1-2 tablespoons of batter into the hot oil and fry for 3-5 minutes, until golden brown. Depending on the size of your pot, you can fry multiple fritters at once, as long as they are not crowded. Drain on paper towels.



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Yogurt Sauce (Raita)

Ingredients

- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 2 tablespoons minced mint

Directions

Mix all of the ingredients together. Serve with chickpea fritters as a dipping sauce or a dressing.

Chickpea fritters are popular in our house plain (above), but you can serve them up fancy as well.

Savory, crispy-on-the-outside, and protein rich — they are always a huge success. What I like best: they're a stick-to-the-ribs sort of meal for busy kids.

And don't be afraid of the occasional fried dish! With quality oil, such as cold-pressed avocado oil, at the right temperature, it's a good way to get fat in the diet, which is important for growing kids. And besides, it's delicious.

Enjoy!