

This creamy, cheesy pumpkin lasagne is the ultimate in comfort food. It's perfect for using up Halloween pumpkins!

| INGREDIENTS   |                                    |
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| 75ml Olive Oil  | Salt and black pepper              |
| 500g pumpkin flesh, diced                                 | Fresh rosemary                     |
| (the more fibrous flesh from around the seeds can be home | 225g ricotta cheese                |
| composted or popped into your                             | 250g fresh lasagne (or use dried)  |
| food waste caddy)   | 35g freshly grated Parmesan cheese |
| Pinch of cayenne  | 50g Guernsey butter                |
| Pinch of Spanish smoked paprika                           | 50g flour                          |
| Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg                            | 350ml milk                         |





## METHOD

## **Filling**

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a roasting dish, add the pumpkin flesh and season with the cayenne, paprika, nutmeg and a little salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add the fresh rosemary, place into a pre heated oven set at gas mark 6/200C/400F and cook for an hour until the flesh is tender.
- 2. Add the ricotta cheese and mix through, remove from the heat and leave to infuse.

# FREEZE YOUR CHEESE!

If you are buying a big block of hard cheese to make the most of a store bargain, grate it first and freeze to use later. This is good for cheese on toast, on top of baked beans or in an omelette.

Save the end of your hard cheese (like parmesan), including the rind, for enriching soups and sauces. Simply remove before serving.

Leftover /stale, hard cheese can be grated into mash or used over pasta dishes or chilli.

#### White sauce

Make a white sauce by melting the butter, adding the flour and mixing together. Cook gently over a low heat and slowly add the milk, stirring to ensure that the sauce is smooth. Season.

### **Assemble**

Cover the base of an ovenproof dish with a little of the sauce, add a layer of the lasagne and top with the pumpkin mixture. Repeat with another layer of each and top with the parmesan cheese. Bake in the oven for about 10 minutes until the top is golden brown.



## Suitable for freezing

Bake first, then freeze. You can either bake the lasagne first, allow to cool then cut into portions, place in freezer safe containers and freeze. Or, you can bake and freeze the entire pan. Defrost and bake at gas mark 4/180°/356F for 30 – 45 minutes or until heated through.

Freeze then bake. Simply assemble the lasagne, then double wrap in plastic wrap and foil and freeze for up to 3 months. Once ready, defrost and bake according to the recipe instructions.



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