

## Pumpkin & Chickpea Curry

Serves: 4 | Gluten Free | Vegetarian | Mains



## **INGREDIENTS**

1 pumpkin (roughly 900g)

- 4 cm piece of ginger
- 4 shallots or 1 brown onion
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 1 fresh red chilli
- 1 bunch fresh coriander
- 1 tbsp grass fed ghee
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 20 curry leaves
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 x 400 g tin of chopped
- tomatoes
- 2 x 400 g tins of coconut milk
- 2 x 400 g tins of chickpeas

## **METHOD**

- 1. Chop the pumpkin into 3cm cubes and cut the ginger into matchsticks. Pick the coriander leaves and finely chop the stalks.
- 2. Heat the ghee (or olive oil) in a large casserole dish.
- 3. Sauté shallots or onion, garlic, ginger & chilli until golden, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Add the mustard seeds, curry leaves, and coriander stalks and fry until the curry leaves go crispy.
- 5.Add the turmeric, tomatoes and coconut milk. Bring to the boil, then add the pumpkin and chickpeas.
- 6. Reduce to a low heat, cover with a lid and simmer for 45 mins. Check occasionally and add a splash of water if needed.
- 7. Take the lid off and cook for a further 15 mins or so until the sauce is lovely and thick.
- 8. Serve with rice and top with coriander leaves.

## The perfect winter warmer

This warming curry not only has onion, garlic, ginger and turmeric - nature's antivirals, but also pumpkin which is high in beta carotene which converts to vitamin A in the body and is used to heal and maintain the integrity of mucous membranes, one of the first barriers in the body's immune defence.