Fruit & Vege Co-op





Cauliflower

| STORAGE | PREPARATION |
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| In the vegetable section of the fridge. | Break the cauliflower into florets.Rinse well in cold water and drain. |
| ADD FLAVOUR | VEGE UP |
| Roast cauliflower brushed with a small amount of oil and spices such as cumin and nutmeg. Sprinkle a little grated cheese (low fat) over cooked cauliflower. Add a tin of flavoured chopped tomatoes (Moroccan or Indian) and serve with rice. Add ½ head of broccoli with the cauliflower or add additional vegetables such as peas or silverbeet. | Add cauliflower to stir-fry's, soups, casseroles or pasta bakes such as macaroni cheese. Use as a raw vegetable dipper with hummus and other low fat dips. Chop finely and add to pasta sauce or mince. |
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COOKING

- Boil in lightly salted water, covered for about 4 minutes, until just tender and slightly crunchy.
- Steam over boiling water for about 4 minutes.
- Microwave in a covered container with a little water (2 Tbsp) on high for 2 minutes. Roast cauliflower florets in the oven brushed with a small amount of oil for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

RECIPE: Cauliflower Pasta Bake (Serves 4)

- 1 head of cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 125g pasta (any type, penne works well)
- 3 cups low fat milk
- 1 Tbsp margarine
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp plain flour
- 1 ½ cups grated low fat cheese (Edam)
- ½ cup breadcrumbs
- Salt and pepper to taste



- 2. Boil cauliflower in a saucepan and drain well.
- 3. Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling water according to packet directions. Drain and set aside.
- 4. Heat the margarine in a saucepan. Add onion and cook for 2 minutes until softened.
- 5. Reduce heat to low and add the flour. Cook for about 3 minutes until flour is blended and becomes pale golden in colour.
- 6. Over a medium heat slowly add the milk, stirring constantly until mixture has thickened (about 10 min).
- 7. Take saucepan off the heat and stir in 1 cup grated cheese until melted, season with salt and pepper. Add fresh or dried herbs such as thyme or parsley to the sauce if desired.
- 8. Mix the cauliflower and pasta into the cheese sauce. (Add ham or cooked chicken to the mixture if desired.)
- 9. Spoon into an ovenproof baking dish, scatter over breadcrumbs and a little more grated cheese.
- 10. Bake for 10 min until crumbs are golden brown.



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