HOW TO COOK THE PERFECT STEAK

• BRING STEAK TO ROOM TEMPERATURE

2 PREHEAT PAN OR BBQ TO HOT

3 DRIZZLE STEAK WITH OIL AND SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER

WELL DONE

5–6 minutes per side, rest for 6 minutes

MEDIUM WELL

3½ minutes each side, rest for 5 minutes

MEDIUM

3 minutes each side, rest for 4 minutes

MEDIUM RARE

2½ minutes each side, rest for 4 minutes

RARE

2 minutes each side, rest for 2 minutes





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THE GREATEST KITCHEN GUIDE





STEAK WITH CHIMICHURRI & QUINOA SALAD







INTRODUCTION

With access to some amazing local produce on our doorstep who better to speak to than your local butcher. We have teamed up butchers across the nation and sourced all the best kept secrets from tips and tricks and "how to" demonstrations to ensure vou can eniov Australian beef and lamb at its best. Enjoy this kitchen guide jam packed full of all the "need to knows" along with some delicious beef and lamb recipes, all courtesy of some of the Greatest Butchers in Australia.

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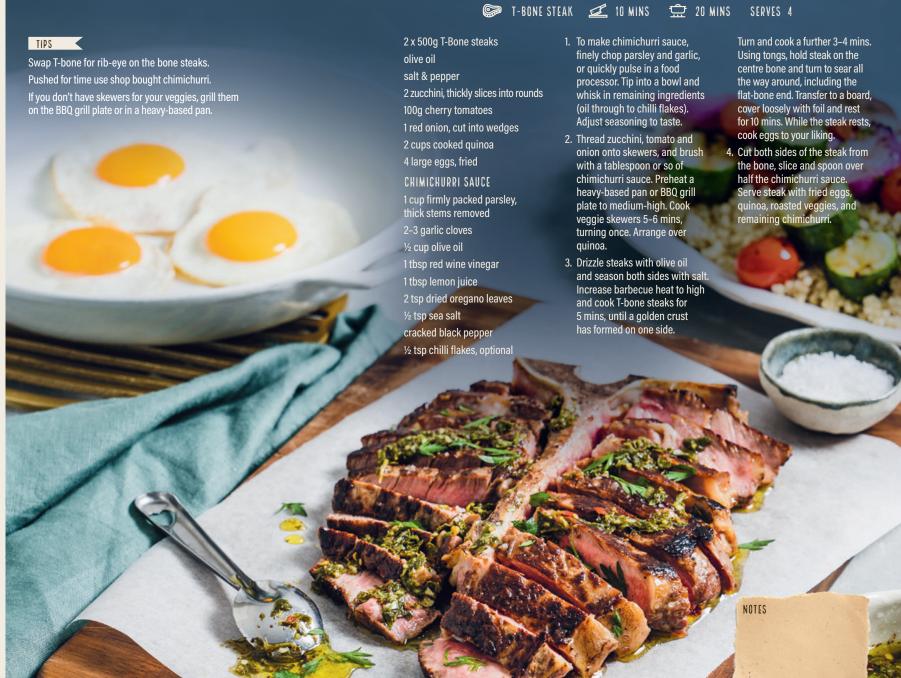
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ARGENTINIAN KEBABS







🙈 CUBED RUMP STEAK 🚅 40 MINS 立 30 MINS SERVES 4

750g rump steak, cubed 1/2 cup white vinegar ¼ cup olive oil 1/4 brown onion, grated 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 tbsp dried mixed herbs 1½ tsp ground cumin 2-3 capsicums, cut into 3 cm pieces salt and pepper

- CHIMICHURRI SAUCE
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- ½ cup firmly packed parsley leaves, finely chopped
- 1/4 brown onion, finely chopped

- 1. To make the chimichurri, combine all ingredients in a bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.
- 2. Combine marinade ingredients (white vinegar through to cumin) in a large zip-top bag or ceramic dish. Add beef, stir to coat, and marinate for 30 mins.
- 3. Drain beef, discarding marinade. Thread meat onto skewers, alternating a piece of capsicum between each piece of beef, and season with salt and pepper. Preheat BBQ or a heavy-based pan to high. Cook skewers, turning to sear all sides, for 4-5 mins.
- 4. Cut corn kernels off the cob. Combine corn, roasted sweet potato, and rocket on a large platter. Drizzle over 1-2 tbsp chimichurri sauce and toss
- 5. Serve beef skewers with salad and chimichurri.

TIPS

To roast sweet potatoes, toss with 1 tbsp olive oil, season with salt and pepper and bake for 25 mins at 180°C. Alternatively, cook on the BBQ, over medium-low heat, until tender.





HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT SKEWER

- 1. Cut meat to even size cubes, 2-3cm thick is ideal.
- 2. Thread meat on skewers, with even amounts on each side of the skewer.
- 3. Add vegetables to the skewer to add moisture to the meat. The vegetables can also be used as a good guide when cooking the skewers.
- 4. Bring your BBQ, hot plate or frying pan up to a medium heat.
- 5. Try to avoid continuously turning the skewer, look to cook each side only once for 8 minutes or until a nice "char" is achieved.
- 6. Do the tong test to check the doneness of the meat if it springs back it is juicy and ready! The firmer the meat, the more well done it is.



REMEMBER TO REST YOUR SKEWERS FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE SERVING



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NOT SURE WHICH CUT TO USE?



FEAR NOT!









Rump Steak

Flat Iron Steak

Blade Steak

Round Steak

Topside Steak

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Oyster Blade Steak

BBQ Blade Steak









STIR FRY



	KIND OF THE PARTY		
Fillet steak	Fillet	Bolar Blade Roast	
Scotch Fillet	Scotch Fillet Roast	Gravy Beef	
Tomahawk Steak	Sirloin Steak	Chuck Steak	
Rib Eye on the bone	Rump Roast	Osso Buco	
Sirloin Steak	Oyster Blade Roast	Beef Cheek	
T Bone Steak	Bolar Roast	Blade Steak	
Rump Steak	Silverside Roast		
Flat iron Steak	Topside Roast		

PORTERHOUSE STEAK AND ROAST VEGETABLE SALAD



PORTERHOUSE STEAK 🚄 15 MINS 효 25 MINS SERVES 4





4 x 150g porterhouse steaks 500g pumpkin, seeds removed 2 red onions

2 large red capsicums, seeds removed

400g baby spinach, rocket, or mixed greens

100g feta cheese

½ cup toasted hazelnuts, chopped olive oil

salt & pepper

DRESSING

1 tbsp red wine vinegar 1/4 cup olive oil

2 tsp fresh rosemary, chopped

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Cut pumpkin and onions into wedges, and red capsicum into wide strips. Place vegetables onto a baking paper lined oven tray, drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Roast vegetables for 25-30 mins until tender and golden. Cool slightly.
- 3. Allow steaks to come to room temperature for 20 mins. Drizzle with oil and season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 4. Heat a heavy-based pan or BBQ to high. Cook steaks for 3-5 mins per side, or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a board, cover loosely with foil, and rest for 5 mins.

- 5. Whisk dressing ingredients together and season to taste. Arrange greens on a large platter, top with roasted vegetables, crumbled feta, and nuts. Drizzle with dressing.
- 6. Serve steaks with roasted vegetable salad.

Steak can also be sliced and tossed through the salad for a one-tray dish.





- Trim fat, level out butchers' mince and separate into meal portions for even defrosting.
- Put into airtight plastic freezer bags, then seal removing any excess air from the bag.
- Label with cut name, weight and date and freeze!
- Freeze up to the recommended storage time for your particular cut.
- Never refreeze defrosted meat this is a food safety risk!

FRESH BEEF CUTS	FREEZER STORAGE TIME*
Sausage	1-2 months
Mince	2-3 months
Strips	2-3 months
Diced	2-3 months
Thin Steaks	2-3 months
Steaks	3-4 months
Roasts (bone in)	4-6 months
Roasts (boned & rolled)	4-6 months
Vacuum-packed Meat (unopened)	4-6 months

COOKED MEAT	FREEZER STORAGE TIME*
All cooked Beef dishes	1 month

* Ideal temperature is -18°C to -15°C

HOW TO THAW

The best way to defrost beef is to leave it in the fridge until completely thawed. You'll need to plan ahead, but the tender, juicy results are worth the wait!

Simply separate portioned cuts like steaks, keep freezer covering on and pop beef in a dish on the lowest fridge shelf until completely thawed.

BEEF CUT	THAWING TIME
Small Roast	3-5 hours per 500g
Large Roast	4-7 hours per 500g
Steaks (about 2cm thick)	12 hours or overnight

IN THE MICROWAVE:

Pressed for time? Defrosting beef in the microwave is a saviour when you need to speed things up.

- Remove freezer bag or wrap. This prevents your beef from sitting in 'drip' and stewing while defrosting.
- Use the pre-programmed 'defrost' setting on your microwave.
- When defrosting mince, remove outer portions from the dish as they thaw, and set aside.
- If the edges of cuts feel warm, stop microwaving and allow the beef to stand for a few minutes until the edges are cold again.
- · Cook beef immediately after defrosting. Make sure it doesn't stand for any length of time at room temperature or in the fridge.

(XX) HOW TO REHEAT

Pre-prepared meals are a lifesaver when you need to get that hot meal on the table in minutes. For a fast, safe and tasty result, follow our expert tips:

IN THE MICROWAVE:

- · Reheat your beef dish in individual portions.
- · Cover with a microwave lid or microwave-safe plastic wrap to trap steam and keep the meal moist.
- · Reheat meal for 2 minutes on high. and then stand for 1 minute.
- Feel the centre bottom of the plate to ensure the meal is thoroughly heated.
- Take care when removing the lid or plastic wrap - the steam released can burn!

SLOW COOKED BEEF RAGOUT



1 kg diced gravy beef

2 cloves garlic, diced

2 tbsp tomato paste

700ml bottle Passata

3 cups water

2 bay leaves

½ cup red wine, or beef stock

400g tin chopped tomatoes

1 tbsp mixed Italian herbs

2 onions, diced

3 carrots, diced

2 tbsp olive oil, divided





- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Pat beef pieces dry with paper towel. 2. Place a large oven-proof pot
 - over high heat and drizzle in half of the olive oil. Add beef and sear for 3-4 mins, stirring twice to evenly brown meat.
 - 3. Reduce heat to medium-high. Add remaining oil, onion, garlic, and carrot to the pot and stir to combine. Cook a further 3 mins until onion begins to soften.
 - 4. Stir through tomato paste and red wine, and cook for 1 minute. Add tomato passata, chopped tomatoes, water, bay leaves and herbs and mix well. Bring to the boil.

- 5. Cover pan with a lid or foil, and place in the oven for 2 hrs, or until meat is very tender.
- 6. Remove pot from oven and place on heat-proof surface. Remove bay leaves and discard. Use a potato masher or two forks to shred meat.
- 7. For a thicker sauce, return pot to oven, uncovered, and cook a further 30 minutes, until sauce has desired consistency. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 8. Serve ragout with pasta, parmesan cheese, and a fresh green salad.



HEALTHY RISSOLES





500g lean beef mince 1. In a large bowl, combine mince, ½ red onion, finely chopped olive oil, and a good pinch 1 small carrot, grated ½ zucchini, grated 2. Divide mixture into 8 pieces 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for

salt & pepper, to taste

TO SERVE

NOTES

cooking

Mixed greens with cherry tomatoes and steamed green beans. Tomato chutney.

onion, carrot, zucchini, 1 tbsp of salt and pepper. Mix well.

- and form into balls. Gently press the top of each rissole to flatten slightly.
- 3. Drizzle a bit of extra oil into a large frying pan over medium heat. Cook rissoles for 4-5 mins per side, until browned and cooked through. Transfer to a clean plate and cover loosely with foil to rest for 5 mins.
- 4. Serve rissoles with salad, green beans, and sauce for dipping.

TIPS

Rissoles can be made in advance and stored, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 4 hours.

Mixture can also be formed into 4 burger patties or 12 meatballs.

The best way to avoid a raw middle is to make a small indent in the centre of each rissole. This will prevent the meat from puffing up.

BEEF AND GREENS STIR-FRY





10 MINS 15 MINS SERVES 4

600g lean beef rump steak, fat trimmed, cut into strips

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 large red onion, cut into thin wedges
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 yellow capsicum, thinly sliced
- 250g sugar snaps, halved diagonally

1/3 cup black bean sauce

- 1 bunch broccolini, cut into thirds 1 bunch baby bok choy, quartered
- 1/4 cup roasted almonds, roughly chopped

steamed jasmine rice, coriander sprigs, long red chilli, thinly sliced 1. Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan or wok over high heat. Stir-fry beef, in batches, for 1-2 mins or until well browned. Set aside on a plate loosely covered with foil. Reheat pan, add onion and garlic and stir-fry for 1 min. Add remaining vegetables and stir-fry for 2-3 mins. Add sauce and 2 tbsp water and toss to coat. Return beef and any juices to pan and toss to warm through.

2. Sprinkle beef stir-fry with almonds, coriander and chilli, if desired. Serve with rice.

TIPS

Ask your butcher to trim and cut your beef into strips.

To save time grab a pre-pack of stir-fry vegetables from your greengrocer or supermarket.







3 REASONS TO REST YOUR MEAT BEFORE SERVING:

- 1. Resting allows the juices to redistribute evenly throughout the meat.
- 2. The meat juices make your meat tender, flavoursome and juicy to eat.
- 3. If you slice before resting you will loose all these wonderful juices!

REMEMBER REST IS ALWAYS BEST



WHY CUT AGAINST THE GRAIN?

Whenever you slice raw or cooked meat, you'll get the most tender results if you cut across the grain. Cutting across the grain means to slice perpendicular to the fibers, so the fibers in the cut pieces of meat become much shorter, making it easier to chew them.



MAKE SURE YOUR KNIVES ARE SHARP

It makes it easier to cut through meat and wont tear through the meat fibres. Or if in doubt get your butcher to do the slicing!



STEAKS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

Always allow your steak to come to room temperature before putting it on the BBQ or hot plate. This simple tip will produce juicer, more evenly cooked steak.



THREE REASONS TO TIE YOUR ROAST:

- 1. Help it keep its shape during cooking.
- 2. Keep the filling inside, this is especially important when cooking split roasts.
- 3. Ensure even cooking when you tie an uneven cut.

IF IN DOUBT ASK YOUR BUTCHER



ENSURE YOUR BBO OR PAN IS HOT

If your steak doesn't sizzle when you put it on the BBQ or in the pan it's not hot enough! Get that heat cranked up and test the heat with a splash of water if needed.



DON'T PRICK YOUR SAUSAGES

This lets all the juice out and can dry out your sausage. Remember low and slow cooking is the way.



FOUR QUICK TIPS TO MAKING THE GREATEST GRAVY.

- 1. Heat up cooked beef pan juices.
- 2. Add 4 tbsp plain flour.
- 3. Add 31/2 cups beef stock.
- 4. Bring to boil then reduce to simmer.

USE THE TONG TEST!

Test for doneness by simply prodding the meat with tongs. When it has a springy but firm texture and is moderately juicy, the meat is done. The firmer the feel of the meat, the more well-done it is.



HOW TO BROWN YOUR MEAT TO PERFECTION



Dice your meat into even cubes 2-3cm is a good size.

Place a small amount of oil in the casserole pan, on a medium heat.



Using a zip lock bag add your meat to flour, salt and pepper and shake together meat needs to sizzle as it until it is all covered lightly.



Add your meat cubes to the pan. Remember the hits the pan - the aim is to sear the meat and lock in the flavours (if it does not sizzle the pan is not hot enough!). You may need to cook your meat in batches depending on the size of the pan. This stops the meat from stewing.



Cook until all the meat is browned, return all the batches back to the pan and start to add in your other ingredients whether you are making a casserole, curry or a stew.



COCONUT BEEF CURRY



1 cup water

200g snow peas

salt & pepper

500g cauliflower florets

steamed rice, lime wedges, fresh





1kg beef chuck, cubed 1. Pat beef dry with paper towel and season with a good pinch 1/4 cup olive oil, divided of salt and pepper. Drizzle 1 tbsp 1 brown onion, diced oil into a large heavy-based 3 garlic cloves, crushed pot over medium-high heat. Add half the beef, cook for 1 tbsp grated ginger 4 mins to brown, and transfer to 2 tbsp curry powder a plate. Repeat with remaining 2 x 400ml tins coconut milk beef and a further 1 tbsp oil.

- 2. Reduce heat to medium and add onion, garlic, ginger, and remaining oil to the pot. Cook for 2-3 mins, stirring regularly, until onion begins to soften.
- 3. Add curry powder to onions and cook 30 seconds further, Add coconut milk and water and stir well. Return browned beef and any resting juices to the pot.
- 4. Bring curry to the boil then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 90 mins.
- 5. Add cauliflower to the curry and return to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, for 15-20 mins until beef and cauliflower are tender. Stir through snow peas and cook for 3 mins further.
- 6. Serve curry with rice, coriander and lime wedges.



CRANBERRY STUFFED OYSTER BLADE ROAST





1.8 kg Beef Oyster Blade roast, denuded and butterflied 34 cup dried cranberries 21/4 cups fresh breadcrumbs 1 small brown onion, finely diced 2 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped

1/4 cup orange juice 2 tbsp wholegrain mustard 1 tbsp olive oil 2 whole oranges, scrubbed and sliced salt & pepper ½ cup cranberry sauce, to serve

ALMOND GREEN BEANS

2-3 tsp lemon juice

1/2 cup slivered or sliced almonds, toasted 600g green beans, trimmed 2 tbsp olive oil 2 cloves garlic, minced zest from 1 lemon

- 1. Preheat oven to 170°C, fan-forced. Line a large roasting pan with foil and arrange orange slices over the base. Open butterflied roast onto a board, with the fat-cap down, and allow to come to room temperature for 20 mins.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine dried cranberries, breadcrumbs, onion, rosemary and orange juice. Season with salt and pepper, and mix well.
- 3. Season the inside surface of the roast with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Spread stuffing evenly over beef, leaving a 2 cm

- fat-cap on top, secure with string or food grade bands every 3 cm.
- 4. Transfer tied roast to the pan and place on top of the orange slices. Combine oil and mustard in a small bowl and spread over the top of the roast.
- 5. Roast the beef for 60 mins. Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil, and rest for 10 mins, Carve into rounds, removing ties as you slice. Serve with pan juices.
- 6. To make the beans, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add green beans and cook for 1-2 mins

7. Drizzle oil into a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min. Add the toasted almonds and drained green beans to the skillet, season with salt, pepper, and lemon zest, and toss to coat. Stir through lemon juice to taste. Serve warm or at room temperature with the roast.

TIPS

To make fresh breadcrumbs, pulse bread in a food processor until crumbs form.

Stir fresh orange zest through cranberry sauce for an extra flavour boost.



MOROCCAN KEBABS WITH RED CABBAGE SLAW



© BEEF RUMP STEAK ⊈ 15 MIN + 30 MIN MARINATING 앞 10 MINS SERVES 4-6



800g rump steak, diced into 1. Combine diced steak and 2-3 cm pieces 2 tbsp olive oil 2 cloves garlic, crushed 1/4 cup lemon juice

2 tbsp Moroccan spice mix salt & pepper RED CABBAGE SALAD

1 small red cabbage, shredded ½ red onion, thinly sliced 200g cherry tomatoes, quartered 2 cucumbers, sliced 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves 2 tbsp olive oil 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar

TO SERVE

Lebanese bread, hummus, baba ganoush and lime wedges.

- marinade ingredients in a large bowl or zip-top bag. Leave to marinate for 30 mins.
- 2. To make the salad, whisk together oil, vinegar, and a pinch of salt and pepper in another large bowl. Add cabbage and onion and stir to coat well with dressing. Toss through tomatoes, cucumber, and mint just before serving.
- 3. Thread marinated meat onto skewers and sprinkle with a bit of salt and pepper. Pre-heat BBQ or a large heavy-based skillet to medium-high.

- 4. Cook skewers 4-5 mins, turning to sear all sides. Transfer to a clean plate and cover loosely with foil and rest for 5 mins.
- 5. Serve skewers with warmed Lebanese bread, dips, and cabbage salad.











600g lean beef mince

2 tbsp salt-reduced taco seasoning

2 corn cobs. husks removed

2 cups cooked brown rice

400g can red kidney beans, rinsed, drained

80g mixed salad leaves 200g grape tomatoes, halved

1 avocado, diced

1 small vellow capsicum. thinly sliced

1. Spray a large non-stick frying pan with olive oil and heat over high heat. Cook beef mince, in batches, for 2-3 mins until lightly browned. Set aside on a plate and repeat with remaining beef. Return beef to pan, add taco seasoning and cook for a further minute or until beef is cooked through.

2. Lightly spray corn with olive oil and cook in same frying pan over high heat for 8-10 mins until 3. Divide corn, rice, beans, salad leaves, tomatoes, avocado, capsicum and onion between 4 bowls. Top with beef and sprinkle with coriander and chilli. Serve with yoghurt and lime wedges.

TIPS

Switch mince for stir fry strips.

Leftover cooked beef mince can be used in tacos or in a healthy wrap to make a burrito.



NOT SURE WHICH CUT TO USE? FEAR NOT!





SATAY LAMB STIR FRY





CAMBLEG STEAK 4 15 MINS 10 MINS SERVES 4-6

the sauce.

TIPS

5. Return veggies and any liquid

to pan, and toss to coat with

6. Serve stir-fry over noodles, with

fresh coriander, lime and chilli.

600g lamb leg steak, thinly sliced into strips

2 tsp finely chopped ginger 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 brown onion, sliced

1 red capsicum, sliced

2 carrots, sliced

- 1. In a small bowl, whisk together sauce ingredients until smooth.
- 2. Heat a large wok or skillet over medium-high heat and drizzle in half the oil. Add onion, capsicum, carrots, broccoli, and green beans, and stir-fry 4-5 mins, until veggies are charred on the edges and just starting to soften.



BUTCHER'S STEAK SANDWICH







- SCOTCH FILLET STEAK 🚅 10 MINS 🗘 25 MINS SERVES 4
- 4 x 150g scotch fillet steak 1. Preheat oven 180°C. Line an 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 4 lettuce leaves
- ½ cup onion relish
- 1 loaf Turkish bread, or 4 bread rolls

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- ½ cup good quality mayonnaise
- 1 tsp chipotle powder or hot paprika

TO SERVE

- 2 large sweet potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp sweet or hot paprika

- oven tray with baking paper.
- 2. Cut sweet potato into thick wedges and transfer to prepared tray. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle with paprika, thyme, and salt. Toss to coat potato in spiced oil, then arrange in a single layer. Roast wedges for 25 mins until golden and tender.
- 3. Preheat BBQ or a heavy-based skillet over high heat. Drizzle steaks with olive oil and season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 4. Cook steaks for 2-3 mins per side, or cooked to your liking. Split bread rolls and toast until aolden.

5. To assemble the sandwich, layer bottom bun with spicy aioli, lettuce, and tomato. Top with steak, onion relish and top bun. Serve with sweet potato wedges.

TIPS

Feel free to add your favourite burger toppings!



BEEF SAN CHOY BAU







LEAN BEEF MINCE 🚄 15MINS 🕀 10 MINS SERVES 4

600g lean beef mince

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced +extra, to serve
- ½ red capsicum, diced
- ½ yellow capsicum, diced
- 2 medium carrots, shredded 200g shitake mushrooms,
- thinly sliced ½ x small tin (225g) water chestnuts, finely diced
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 1/4 cup coriander leaves, finely chopped +extra sprigs, to serve
- ½ cup bean sprouts
- 2 baby cos lettuce, leaves washed and separated

- 1. Heat half the oil in a large wok or non-stick frying pan over high heat. Cook half the beef for 1-2 mins, or until browned. breaking it up as it cooks. Set aside in a large bowl. Repeat with remaining oil and beef.
- 2. Reheat wok or frypan over high heat, adding a little extra oil, if necessary.
- 3. Add onions, capsicum, carrot, mushrooms and water chestnuts and cook for 1-2 mins. Return beef to pan with hoisin sauce and 2 tbsp of water and cook for a further minute, tossing well to coat. Remove from heat, sprinkle with chopped coriander and bean sprouts and toss to coat.
- 4. Arrange lettuce leaves on a large platter. Spoon beef mixture into lettuce, sprinkle with extra onions, coriander, peanuts and chilli, if desired. Serve with lime wedges.

TIPS

Beef stir-fry strips would also work well in this recipe.

Add thinly sliced snow peas, shredded cabbage or finely sliced ginger, if desired.

Serve with iasmine or brown rice. if desired.







TURKISH LAMB BURGER



2 tsp olive oil

pita pockets, garlic dip, beetroot hummus, tabouli, Lebanese

cucumber, sliced tomato and

baby spinach leaves.

TO SERVE

LEAN LAMB MINCE 40 MINS 10 MINS SERVES 4





600g lamb mince 1. In a large bowl, combine lamb mince, onion, cumin, harissa 1 red onion, finely chopped paste, parsley, and a good pinch 1 tsp ground cumin of salt and pepper. Mix well. 1 tbsp harissa paste Divide into 4 portions and shape into burgers. Refrigerate for 1/4 cup fresh parsley leaves. 30 mins. finely chopped salt & pepper

- 2. Preheat BBQ or a heavy-based pan to medium. Brush patties with oil and cook for 5-6 mins per side, or until just cooked through.
- 3. Arrange burgers, bread, dips and toppings on a large platter, and let everyone serve themselves.







WHICH BEEF IS BETTER. GRASS OR GRAIN FED?

DID YOU KNOW

· FACTS ·

ASK YOUR LOCAL BUTCHER

Its all down to the individual, some people like meat that has a little more fat in it (grain fed) and some prefer a stronger flavour that grass fed beef has.



EVER WONDERED WHY YOUR VACUMMED PACKAGED MEAT HAS A STRANGE ODOUR UPON OPENING?

Fear not, this is called confinement odour and is a result of the vacuum sealing process. Rest the meat in the open for a few minutes and the smell will dissipate.



WHAT IS THE BEST VALUE CUT OF BEEF?

The rump offers great value, it is suitable for a good steak, stir fry, diced, kebabs, mince, roasting and thin sliced for a schnitzel or sandwich steak.



WHAT IS THE BEST VALUE CUT OF LAMB?

The lamb rump is economical, readily available and versatile. you can make a lamb mini roast to feed two, stir fry, casserole, kebabs or even lamb rump steaks out of it.



Want to learn more about Beef? Download the free Meat Cuts App - available in the app store & google play.

EYE FILLET STEAK DINNER



4 x 120g eye fillet steaks

2 tbsp olive oil, divided

2 bunches Dutch carrots, greens

1/4 cup prepared pesto, optional

washed and roughly chopped

2 bunches English spinach,

1-2 cloves garlic, crushed

juice & zest from ½ lemon

olive oil

trimmed

NOTES

salt & pepper





- 1. Allow eye fillet steaks to come to room temperature, about 25 mins.
- 2. Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Line a rimmed oven tray with baking paper. Slice larger carrots lengthwise in half.
- 3. Transfer carrots to lined tray and drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil. Season with salt and pepper, toss to coat in oil, then arrange in a single layer. Roast carrots for 20-25 mins until golden and tender.
- 4. While the carrots are roasting, preheat a heavy-based pan over high heat. Pat steaks dry with paper towel, drizzle with a bit of oil and season with a good pinch of salt and pepper.

- 5. Place steaks on the pre-heated pan and reduce heat to medium. Cook 3-4 mins on one side, then flip and cook another 3-4 mins.
- 6. Transfer steaks to a clean plate, cover loosely with foil and rest for 5 mins before serving.
- 7. Wipe out pan, drizzle with remaining 1 tbsp olive oil. and place over medium heat. Add garlic and cook for 1 min. Add spinach, and a pinch of salt and pepper, and cook a further minute, until just wilted. Remove from heat, stir through lemon zest and juice to taste.
- 8. Serve steaks with roasted carrots, spinach and pesto.

WARM LAMB SALAD





600g lean lamb leg steaks, 1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180° fat trimmed 2 tbsp olive oil 1 red onion, cut into wedges 1 small cauliflower, cut into florets 350g kent pumpkin, peeled,

cut into 4cm wedges 2 zucchini, thickly sliced 2 tbsp dukkah

2 tbsp tahini

zest and juice of 2 small lemons + extra wedges, to serve

80g baby rocket

mint leaves, to serve.

400g can lentils, rinsed, drained 80g feta cheese, crumbled

fan-forced). Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper. Spread onion, cauliflower, pumpkin and zucchini in one laver onto travs. Drizzle with half the oil, season and toss to coat. Cook for 25 mins or until vegetables are tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

- 2. Meanwhile, brush lamb with remaining oil, season and sprinkle with dukkah. Cook lamb in a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat for 2-3 mins each side or until cooked to your liking. Rest on a plate loosely covered with foil for 5 mins. Thinly slice lamb.
- 3. In a screw top jar combine tahini, lemon zest, juice and 2 tbsp water. Season and shake

4. Place baby rocket, vegetables, lentils and feta onto a serving platter. Toss gently to combine. Drizzle with tahini dressing. Top salad with lamb, sprinkle with mint and serve with lemon wedges.

TIPS

NOTES

Leftover slow cooked lamb leg or shoulder also works well in this recipe.

Switch leg steaks for rump, fillet or backstrap.

Ensure you rest the lamb after cooking to maximise tenderness and juiciness.



SCOTCH FILLET ROAST





1.5kg scotch fillet roast, tied 6 carrots, cut into batons 2 red onions, sliced into 1 cm-thick rings

1kg baby potatoes, quartered 1/4 cup olive oil, divided salt & pepper 2 cups frozen peas, blanched

GRAVY

2 tbsp plain flour 1/4 cup dry white wine 2 tsp grain mustard 11/2-2 cups salt-reduced beef stock 2 tbsp parsley, chopped

Approximate cooking temperatures for a roast: Rare, internal temp 55-60°C. Medium, internal temp 65-70°C.

- 1. Preheat oven to 190°C. Remove roast from fridge and allow to come to room temperature for 25 mins.
- 2. Place potatoes on a lined oven tray, toss with 1 tbsp of oil, and season with salt and pepper, set aside until required. Place carrot and onion into a deep roasting pan and toss with another 1 tbsp of the oil.
- 3. Pat roast dry with kitchen towel, rub all over with 2 tsp oil and season with a good pinch of salt. Heat a large heavy-based skillet over high heat. Add beef to pan and cook, turning regularly, for 3-4 mins until browned all over. Place seared beef on top of the carrots and onions in the roasting pan.
- 4. Roast the beef for 40 mins, then place pan with potatoes into the oven, and continue to roast beef for a further 20-30 mins, or until cooked to your liking.

- 5. Transfer beef to a board, cover loosely with foil, and rest for 20 mins before carving. Use a slotted spoon to transfer carrots from the roasting pan to a serving dish, cover to keep warm. Remove potatoes from the oven once golden on the outside, and tender when pierced with a fork.
- 6. Tip pan drippings into a saucepan, sprinkle over flour and whisk to a smooth paste. Cook over medium heat for 1 min. Add wine and ½ cup stock, and whisk for another 1 min to cook off the alcohol, Add mustard and remaining 1 cup stock and cook, whisking constantly, for 2-3 mins until gravy has thickened. Whisk in additional stock for a thinner gravy. Stir through parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 7. Serve roast with carrots, potatoes, peas, and grave

HOW TO MASTER THE CASSEROLE





🙈 DICED BEEF 🚅 10 MINS 🗘 2 HRS SERVES 4

1kg gravy beef or your favourite cut of beef suitable for slow cooking cut into 3cm pieces

2 tbsp olive oil

1 large brown onion, thinly sliced 2 medium carrots, peeled, sliced

2 celery stalks, sliced

2 tbsp plain flour

500ml beef stock

400g can diced tomatoes

1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce 120g baby spinach leaves

Flat leaf parsley to garnish Mash and green beans to serve.

CASSEROLE ALTERNATIVES

Once you know the basics, you can switch ingredients to make a huge variety of casseroles, curries and stews.



INDIAN BEEF CASSEROLE



JAPANESE BEEF CASSEROLE





MEDITERRANEAN BEEF CASSEROLE

TIPS

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160° fan-forced). Place beef in a large snap lock bag or dish, add half the oil, season and mix well.



2. Heat a large ovenproof casserole dish over medium-high heat. Brown the beef in 2 or 3 batches, setting beef aside on a plate.



3. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining oil. Add onion, carrot and celery, cook, stirring, for 4-5 minutes.

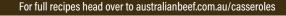


4. Sprinkle in flour and stir until vegetables are coated. Gradually pour in stock stirring well. Return beef to the pan with any juices and add tomatoes and Worcestershire sauce, stirring until the mixture boils.



5. Cover casserole dish, place in oven and cook until beef is very tender (2-2½ hours), stirring occasionally, adding extra stock or water if necessary. Remove from oven, stir in baby spinach leaves and set aside, covered, for 2 minutes.

Serve beef with mash and green beans, sprinkle with parsley.



SLOW COOKED LAMB LEG

BONELESS LAMB LEG





SERVES 6

1.2 kg boneless lamb leg, trimmed 2 tbsp olive oil

1/4 cup coriander leaves and stems, finely chopped +extra leaves, to garnish

2 cloves garlic, crushed

cut into 4cm pieces

NOTES

2 tbsp tandoori paste 2 red onions, cut into wedges

450g butternut pumpkin, peeled,

400g can chickpeas, rinsed, drained 120g baby spinach

250g green beans, trimmed, cut into thirds, blanched

Steamed basmati rice, natural yoghurt, lemon wedges, to serve.

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160° fan-forced). Line a large roasting dish with baking paper.
- 2. In a small bowl, place half the oil, chopped coriander, garlic and tandoori paste. Season and stir.
- 3. Spread onions onto roasting dish, season and toss to coat. Make small incisions in lamb with a sharp knife, spoon marinade over lamb and rub well to coat. Place lamb on top of onions, pour 1/3 cup water into base of dish, cover with foil and roast for 2 hrs. Remove foil, spoon juices over lamb and add pumpkin to dish. Cook for a further 30-40 mins, or until lamb is cooked to your liking and vegetables are tender. Remove lamb from dish and set aside covered with foil for 15 mins to rest.
- 4. Place cooked onions, pumpkin, chickpeas, baby spinach and green beans in a large bowl. Drizzle with remaining oil, season and toss to coat.
- 5. Shred or slice lamb and serve with pumpkin salad, rice, yoghurt, lime wedges, extra coriander and any remaining pan juices.

TIPS

Ask your butcher to bone out and truss the lamb leg for you. Switch lamb leg for lamb shoulder. Use leftover leg of lamb in salads. tacos, or fritters.



HOW TO CARVE A LEG OF LAMB LIKE A PRO



After allowing your leg of lamb to rest, turn it over and slice off the underside run your knife down the piece of meat, ensuring you keep the knife hard against the bone. Put this to one side.



Turn the leg back over, remove the shank and middle of the leg keeping the point of the blade hard against the bone leg.



Ensuring you cut along both sides of the bone dividing the remaining section of lamb into two pieces.



You should now have 3 pieces of meat. Take each piece and cut against the grain, into manageable slices for serving.

MAKE SURE YOUR KNIFE IS SHARP TO MAKE CARVING EASIER



Check out the video demonstration on our Greatest Butcher YouTube channel





- Trim fat, level out butchers' mince and separate into meal portions for even defrosting.
- · Put into airtight plastic freezer bags, then seal removing any excess air from the bag.
- · Label with cut name, weight and date and freeze!
- Freeze up to the recommended storage time for vour particular cut.
- · Never refreeze defrosted meat this is a food safety risk!

FRESH LAMB CUTS	FREEZER STORAGE TIME*
Sausage	1-2 months
Mince	2-3 months
Strips	2-3 months
Diced	2-3 months
Thin Steaks	2-3 months
Steaks	3-4 months
Roasts (bone in)	4-6 months
Roasts (boned & rolled)	4-6 months
Vacuum-packed Meat (unopened)	4-6 months

COOKED LAMB DISHES	FREEZER STORAGE TIME*
All cooked Lamb dishes	1 month

* Ideal temperature is -18°C to -15°C

HOW TO THAW

The best way to defrost lamb is to leave it in the fridge until completely thawed. You'll need to plan ahead, but the tender, juicy results are worth the wait!

Simply, separate portioned cuts like chops or cutlets, keep freezer covering on and pop lamb in a dish on the lowest fridge shelf until completely thawed.

LAMB CUT	THAWING TIME
Small Roast	3-5 hours per 500g
Large Roast	4-7 hours per 500g
Steaks (about 2cm thick)	12 hrs or overnight

IN THE MICROWAVE:

Pressed for time? Defrosting lamb in the microwave is a saviour when you need to speed things up.

- · Remove any freezer wrap and place lamb in a dish.
- · Use the pre-programmed 'defrost' setting on your microwave.
- When defrosting mince, remove outer portions from the dish as they thaw, and set aside.
- · If the edges of cuts feel warm, stop microwaving and allow to stand for a few minutes until the edges are cold again.
- · Once thawed cook lamb straight away don't leave it on the kitchen bench or in the fridge.

Pre-prepared meals are a lifesaver when you need to get that hot meal on the table in minutes. For a fast, safe and tasty result, follow our expert tips:

IN THE MICROWAVE:

- · Reheat your lamb dish in individual portions.
- · Cover with a microwave lid or microwave-safe plastic wrap to trap steam and keep the meal moist.
- Reheat meal for 2 minutes on high, and then stand for 1 minute.
- Feel the centre bottom of the plate to ensure the meal is thoroughly heated.
- · Take care when removing the lid or plastic wrap - the steam released can burn!

LAMB, SPINACH AND RICE CASSEROLE







AB DICED LAMB ⊈ 10 MINS ♀ 3 HRS SERVES 4-6

1kg boneless, trimmed, lamb 1. Sprinkle diced lamb with 1/4 tsp shoulder, diced dish over medium-high heat 2 tbsp olive oil, divided and drizzle in half the olive oil. 2 brown onions, sliced Add half the lamb and cook for 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped 4-5 mins until meat is golden. 2 carrots, diced and repeat with remaining 1½ tbsp sweet paprika lamb and oil. 2 cups water 25g butter, cubed juices to the pot. Add onion. 11/2 cups reduced salt vegetable stock

TO SERVE

salt & pepper

mixed green salad parsley and lemon wedges.

1 cup basmati rice, rinsed and drained

1 bunch English spinach, trimmed

and roughly chopped

- salt. Place a large pot or casserole Transfer browned lamb to a plate,
- 2. Return all meat and any resting garlic, and carrots, and cook a further 3-4 mins, until onion begins to soften.
- 3. Stir through paprika. Add water and bring to the boil, then cover pan, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 2 hours.
- 4. After 2 hours, remove lid, add butter and stock, and return to the boil. Scatter rice over the liquid and gently stir to submerge.

- 5. Replace cover, return heat to low and simmer a further 30 mins, until rice is cooked and lamb very is tender.
- 6. Remove pan from heat, add spinach, and replace cover. Set aside for 10 mins to wilt spinach leaves. Serve casserole with parsley, lemon wedges, and a fresh green salad.

TIPS

Instead of simmering on the stove, preheat oven to 180°C, and bake the casserole from Step 3. All other steps remain the same.

