

### ROAST LEEK, PEA & MINT SOUP

THIS IS SPRING IN A SOUP. THE CARAMELISED ROAST LEEKS ADDS A SUBTLE SWEETNESS, MADE PERFECTLY CREAMY FROM THE CRÈME FRAÎCHE.

#### VEGETARIAN | GLUTEN-FREE MAKES 4-5 BOWLS

- 4 large leeks, cut into small chunks 90 ml (3 fl oz) olive oil 1 large brown onion, roughly diced
- 2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped 400 g (14 oz/generous 3 cups) frozen peas
- 1 litre (34 fl oz) vegetable stock
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled and stoned
- 1 tbsp crème fraîche
- ½ small bunch of mint, plus extra to garnish

juice of ½ lemon, plus extra to taste salt and freshly ground black pepper feta, to garnish

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F/ Gas 6). Line a roasting tray with baking parchment. Lay the leeks on the tray, cut side up. Drizzle over 60 ml (2 fl oz) of the olive oil, and sprinkle a generous pinch of salt on top. Roast the leeks in the oven for 15 minutes or until tender and caramelised.
- 2 Heat the remaining oil in a large saucepan, add the onion and sauté for 2 minutes until soft and translucent. Add the garlic, cook for 1 minute, then add the frozen peas and roasted leeks and pour over the stock.
- **3** Bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce to a simmer for 5 minutes or until the peas have defrosted.
- 4 Remove the pan from the heat. Add the avocado, crème fraîche, mint and lemon juice and blitz with a hand blender until smooth. Add extra lemon juice if needed, and season to taste. Once cooked, remove from the heat and allow to cool completely.
- 5 Portion the soup into containers and freeze. Defrost in the fridge overnight, and reheat in the microwave until heated through. Serve with a sprinkle of feta and mint and more seasoning, if required.

# COURGETTE & RICOTTA LASAGNE

THIS IS A FRESH TAKE ON THE
CLASSIC LASGANE. MADE WITH
A GENEROUS PORTION OF HERBS,
AND COURGETTE LAYERS TO
REPLACE PASTA, YOU'LL BE
FEELING LIGHT AND ZIPPY WITH
THIS WARM WEATHER ALTERNATIVE.

#### VEGETARIAN | GLUTEN-FREE MAKES 4-6 LUNCH PORTIONS

olive oil, for greasing 1 large broccoli crown, cut into florets, then sliced lengthways  $300 g (10\frac{1}{2} \text{ oz}/6 \text{ cups}) \text{ spinach}$ 600 g (1 lb 5 oz/scant 21/2 cups) ricotta 2 garlic cloves, minced ½ small bunch of basil, leaves only, roughly chopped ½ small bunch of flat-leaf parsley, leaves only, roughly chopped ½ small bunch of mint, leaves only, roughly chopped 850 g (1 lb 14 oz/3½ cups) passata 4 large courgettes (zucchini), peeled into ribbons 150 g ( $5\frac{1}{4}$  oz/ $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups) Parmesan, grated

salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F/Gas 6). Grease a 23 cm (9 in) deep baking dish with olive oil.
- **2** Fill a small saucepan with salted water and bring to the boil. Add the broccoli, bring back to the boil and cook for 1–2 minutes or until just crisp and tender. Remove with a slotted spoon, and place in a bowl of ice-cold water.
- **3** In the same saucepan, fit in a steaming pot and fill with the spinach. Reduce to a simmer, cover and steam for 2 minutes until the spinach has wilted. Remove from the pan, and squeeze out as much water as possible.
- **4** In a large bowl, stir together the ricotta, garlic, basil, parsley and mint with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- **5** Spread one third of the passata over the base of the dish, top with half of the courgette ribbons, the spinach and broccoli, one-third of the ricotta mixture and one-third of the Parmesan. Repeat the layering once more. Drizzle over the balsamic vinegar and top with the remaining passata, ricotta and Parmesan.

- **6** Place the dish on a baking tray, (in case any sauce bubbles over) and bake for 20 minutes or until golden on top and bubbling. Set aside to cool completely.
- **7** Cut the lasagne into 4–6 portions, place each serving into containers and freeze. When ready to eat, defrost in the fridge overnight, and reheat in the microwave until piping hot.



2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

## CARAMELISED ONION, MUSHROOM & GOAT'S CHEESE FRTTTATA

YOU CAN ALSO COOK YOUR FRITTATA IN INDIVIDUAL MUFFIN CASES TO MAKE QUICK-GRAB MEALS THAT WILL DEFROST IN TIME FOR LUNCH! SIMPLY POUR THE MIX INTO 10 MINI MUFFIN CASES AND BAKE FOR 12 MINUTES OR UNTIL LIGHTLY GOLDEN AND JUST SET.

#### VEGETARIAN | GLUTEN-FREE **MAKES 4-6 LUNCH PORTIONS**

3 tbsp olive oil  $300 g (10\frac{1}{2} \text{ oz}/3\frac{1}{3} \text{ cups}) \text{ mushrooms},$ sliced

small bunch of thyme (about 10 sprigs) 2 red onions, sliced into fine wedges

- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 9 large eggs
- 3 tbsp milk, semi-skimmed or whole (full-fat)
- 3 tbsp chopped dill, plus extra to garnish
- 100 g ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  oz/ $\frac{2}{3}$  cup) goat's cheese, crumbled

salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 1 Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a deep ovenproof saucepan (22 cm/8½ in) over a medium heat. Add the mushrooms and thyme and sauté until tender. Remove the mushrooms from the pan and set aside.
- 2 In the same saucepan, heat the remaining oil over a low heat. Add the onions and cook for 10 minutes or until softened and lightly golden, stirring regularly. Stir in the sugar and vinegar and cook for a further 5 minutes or until caramelised.
- **3** Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F/ Gas 6). In a bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk, stir in the dill, mushrooms and half the goat's cheese, then season to taste. Pour this into the saucepan with the caramelised onions, making sure no onions are stuck to the bottom of the pan, stirring gently.
- 4 Cook the frittata mixture for 2 minutes or until the edges start to set. Sprinkle over the remaining goat's cheese and cook in the oven for 15 minutes or until golden and set. Allow to cool.
- **5** Cut the frittata into portions, wrap in cling film (plastic wrap), place in containers and freeze. When ready to eat, defrost in the fridge overnight, and reheat in the microwave until warm. Garnish with fresh dill, to serve.

