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Ricotta Cheese



Ingredients

- · 3L whole milk
- · 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- · pinch of salt (optional)



Method

- 1. Add milk and cream to a large pot on medium-high heat
- 2. Stir continuously so the milk heats evenly
- 3. Add salt (optional)
- 4. Just before it starts boiling (it should start foaming), turn the burner off
- 5. Immediately add the vinegar and stir, you will notice the milk start to solidify and rise to the top of the pan
- 6. Let the pot sit for about 20 minutes
- 7. Scoop the curds into a strainer or a cheesecloth in a bowl with a large spoon
- 8. Refrigerate overnight to harden

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Fried Ricotta Cinnamon Pastries

(Bourekia me Arani)





Ingredients

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- + additional for frying
- 2 cups plain flour, sifted
- 1 cup self-raising flour, sifted
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 kg ricotta
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- · Icing sugar to decorate

Method

- 1. To prepare the dough, mix the oil and flour, then gradually add the water
- 2. Knead the dough
- 3. For the filling, combine the ricotta, sugar & cinnamon
- 4. Roll out the dough and cut it into circles
- Spoon portions of the filling into the centre and fold the dough over to encase the filling
- 6. Prick each pastry with a fork and brush the tops with vegetable oil
- 7. Deep fry in hot vegetable oil until golden brown
- 8. Once cooled, dust with icing sugar.