

Crying Kid Leg Boulangère

A simple but delicious roast from James Whetlor

Serves: 4

Prepare: 10 Minutes Cook: 1 Hour 25 Minutes

Difficulty: medium

Ingredients

- 2kg/4 ½ lb bone-in leg of kid (about ½ a full leg)
- 3–4 garlic cloves, sliced big bunch of rosemary or thyme, roughly chopped
- 50g/3 ½ tablespoons softened butter, or use 3 ½ tablespoons olive oil
- 600g/1lb 5oz waxy potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- 400ml/generous 1 ½ cups chicken or kid stock (or use water)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6
- 2. Rub salt and pepper all over the leg
- 3. Using a pointed knife, pierce small, deep slits about 5cm/2in apart all over the leg, inserting a slice of garlic and small sprigs of herb deep into each slit
- Place the leg in a deep roasting dish and smear the softened butter or olive oil all over the leg. Roast for 20 minutes
- 5. Meanwhile, place the potatoes and onions in a bowl, toss together and season with salt and pepper, adding any leftover garlic and chopped herbs
- 6. Take the meat out of the oven after its initial 20 minutes, transfer to a large plate and turn the oven temperature down to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4
- 7. Spread the potatoes and onions out in the roasting dish and pour over the stock, then put the leg back on top so that it is 'crying' over the vegetables
- Return the dish to the oven and roast for about another 45–60 minutes, depending on how well you like your meat cooked
- 9. Allow the meat to rest on a plate, and meanwhile crank the oven up to crisp the potatoes a bit, if you like