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### Product Spotlight: Polenta

Polenta is creamy corn-based porridge. If you haven't tried it before (or if it wasn't a favourite), try this recipe's version. It's packed with cheesy flavour from mozzarella, and we love it!



## 3 Beef Ragu with Cheesy Polenta

Take your taste buds on a trip to Italy with this family-friendly take on the classic beef ragu dish — this time made with beef mince, carrot, zucchini, and a whole lotta' love. Served over creamy, cheesy polenta.

 30 minutes

 4 servings

 Beef

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## Slow cooked

*This ragu only gets better the longer it cooks. If you have the time, let it simmer (lid-on) over low heat for an hour or more. Or, leave it in your slow cooker for half a day until dinner time.*

## FROM YOUR BOX

BEEF MINCE	600g
BROWN ONION	1
THYME	1/2 packet *
CARROTS	2
ZUCCHINI	1
CELERY STICKS	2
TOMATO PASTE	2 sachets
POLENTA	1 packet (250g)
SHREDDED MOZZARELLA CHEESE	1/2 packet *
CHIVES	1/2 bunch *

*\*Ingredient also used in another recipe*

## FROM YOUR PANTRY

olive oil + oil/butter for cooking, salt, pepper, 1 stock cube, ground paprika, balsamic vinegar

## KEY UTENSILS

large frypan, saucepan

## NOTES

Polenta can be made using all or part milk for a creamier finish.

For extra flavour, add 1-2 crushed garlic cloves or a pinch of chilli flakes.

**No beef option** – beef mince is replaced with **chicken mince**. Cook as per recipe adding 2 tbsp oil at step 1 and reducing first cooking time to 3 minutes.



### 1. BROWN THE MINCE

Bring a saucepan with 1.3 litres of water to the boil for step 3 (see notes).

Heat a frypan over medium-high heat. Add beef mince and cook, breaking up as you go, for 5 minutes. Dice and add onion with thyme leaves, cook for a further 3 minutes.



### 2. ADD THE VEGETABLES

Dice (or grate) carrots, zucchini, and celery. Add to pan as you go with tomato paste, crumbled **stock cube**, **1 tbsp paprika** and **2 cups water** (see notes). Semi-cover and simmer for 15 minutes.



### 3. MAKE THE POLENTA

Gradually whisk polenta into simmering water. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in 1/2 cup cheese, **2 tbsp butter/olive oil** and half the chopped chives. Season to taste with **salt and pepper**.



### 4. FINISH AND PLATE

Season ragu to taste with **salt, pepper** and **2-3 tsp vinegar**.

Serve polenta in shallow bowls. Spoon over ragu and sprinkle with remaining chives and cheese.

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