

Product Spotlig<mark>ht: Ricotta</mark>

Ricotta means re-cooked. It is a fresh, soft Italian cheese made with whey. Whey is a liquid by-product in cheese making that is usually discarded, so it's a great sustainable product!

Lemon Thyme Meatballs

with Creamy Pumpkin Risoni

Fragrant and herbaceous lemon thyme chicken meatballs, served over a bright butternut pumpkin risoni with creamy ricotta and a side of broccoli.





Instead of pan-frying, spoon meatballs onto a lined oven tray and bake until golden brown.

FROM YOUR BOX

BROWN ONION	1
CELERY STICKS	2
BUTTERNUT PUMPKIN	1
RISONI	250g
LEMON THYME	1 packet
CHICKEN MINCE	600g
RICOTTA	1 packet
BROCCOLI	1

FROM YOUR PANTRY

oil/butter for cooking, salt, pepper, dried rosemary, stock cube (of choice)

KEY UTENSILS

2 frypans

NOTES

To quickly remove thyme leaves, place your fingers at the bottom of the stem, hold it upside down and firmly slide the leaves down.

No gluten option - pasta is replaced with arborio rice. Stir frequently at step 2 and add extra water as necessary. Cook until rice is tender.



1. SAUTÉ THE AROMATICS

Dice **onion** and slice **celery**. Peel and dice **pumpkin**. Heat a large frypan over medium-high heat with **oil or butter**. Add **onion**, **celery** and **2 tsp rosemary** to pan and sauté for 3 minutes until onion softens. Add pumpkin and sauté for a further 5 minutes.



2. SIMMER THE RISONI

Add **risoni** to pan and toast for 1 minute. Add crumbled **stock cube** and pour in **3 cups water**. Simmer, semi-covered for 10-15 minutes until risoni is tender.



3. MAKE THE MEATBALLS

Pick **thyme leaves** (see notes). Add <u>1/2</u> <u>leaves</u> to a bowl along with **mince**, <u>1 tbsp</u> <u>ricotta</u>, salt and pepper. Mix to combine.



4. COOK THE MEATBALLS

Heat a second frypan over medium-high heat with **oil or butter.** Spoon 1 tbsp size meatballs into pan. Cook for 8–10 minutes, turning occasionally, until cooked through. Remove and keep pan over heat.



5. COOK THE BROCCOLI

Chop **broccoli** into florets. Add to pan as you go. Pour in **1/4 cup water**. Cook, covered, for 3 minutes until broccoli is tender. Season to taste with **salt and pepper**.



6. FINISH AND SERVE

Divide risoni among shallow bowls. Dollop on ricotta. Top with meatballs, serve broccoli and garnish with remaining thyme leaves.



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