

A top-down view of a meal. In the center is a white bowl filled with a rich, orange-red chicken curry, garnished with fresh green herbs. To the top left, a white plate holds several slices of pink onions. To the top right, a piece of golden-brown, slightly charred naan bread is visible. In the bottom right corner, a white bowl contains fluffy white rice with green herbs. A silver spoon rests on a grey and white checkered cloth in the bottom left. The background is a light-colored, possibly marble, surface.

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WEEK OF:
04/26 - 04/30

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Menu

MONDAY

Mushroom Masala - V, GF, LC

TUESDAY

Turmeric Roasted Cauliflower Tacos - VG

WEDNESDAY

Achari Chicken - GF, LC

THURSDAY

Vegetable Thai Green Curry - V, GF, LC

FRIDAY

Instant Pot Penne Alla Vodka - VG


COOKING ICONS

 Gluten-Free

 Low Carb

 Vegetarian

 Vegan

 Pot-in-pot

Visit the blog for substitutions, variations, and tips for each recipe.

Grocery Shopping List

BAKERY

- 10 small corn tortillas

PROTEIN & DAIRY

- 4 oz heavy cream 2 oz full fat yogurt 4 oz parmigiano reggiano cheese
 1 1/2 pounds chicken drumsticks

PANTRY

- 4 oz raw cashews 4 oz mayonnaise 2 canned chipotle peppers
 Thai green curry paste soy sauce 1 can unsweetened coconut milk
 1 lb penne pasta 28 oz marinara sauce 4 oz vodka
 2 oz tomato paste

PRODUCE

- 1 lb white mushrooms 8 oz cremini mushrooms 4 yellow onions
 1 red onion 4" ginger root 2 garlic bulbs
 2 tomatoes 1 bunch cilantro 1 bunch thai basil
 1 small bunch parsley 1 cauliflower 2 limes
 1 lemon 1 small red cabbage 1 small green cabbage
 2 carrots 1 avocado 1 zucchini
 8 oz Thai eggplant 4 oz snap peas 1 small orange pepper

SPICES

- ground turmeric Kashmiri red chili powder dried fenugreek leaves
 garam masala fenugreek seeds mustard seeds
 cumin seeds fennel seeds nigella seeds
 dried whole red chilies

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Monday: MUSHROOM MASALA



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound white mushrooms rinsed, dried, and sliced
- 2 tablespoons ghee or neutral oil for a vegan version
- 1 large yellow onion finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons ginger grated
- 2 teaspoons garlic grated
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup tomato puree or 2 fresh ripe red tomatoes pureed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground turmeric
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tablespoon Kashmiri red chili powder or any other mild red chili powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup cashews
- 1 tablespoon dried fenugreek leaves
- Cilantro leaves chopped for garnish

PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 20 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 30 MIN

SERVES: 4

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Soak cashews in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water for 10 mins and set aside. Drain all the water and blend the cashews with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water to make smooth paste and reserve.
2. Set the Instant Pot to saute mode and heat add ghee. Add onions and cook for 3 to 4 minutes with a glass lid on, stirring a few times. Add ginger and garlic paste, cook for 30 seconds. Turn the Instant Pot off.
3. Add tomato puree, turmeric, red chili powder, garam masala salt, and mushrooms. Mix well, deglazing the pot to remove any browning on the bottom of the pot. Close the Instant Pot, set on manual/pressure cook(Hi) for 4 minutes followed by Quick Release.
4. Stir in dried fenugreek leaves, cashew paste, and chopped cilantro. Mix well and serve with **basmati rice** and **parathas**. For a low carb option, serve the mushroom masala over cauliflower rice. Add a side of **Indian cucumber salad** for a delicious meal.

NOTES

- To cook this recipe on stovetop, follow the recipe using a medium-sized pot. Instead of pressure cooking simply add an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water along with the mushrooms and then cook covered on medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the mushrooms are cooked through.

Tuesday: TURMERIC ROASTED CAULIFLOWER TACOS



PREP TIME: 20 MIN
COOK TIME: 20 MIN
TOTAL TIME: 40 MIN
SERVES: 5

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cauliflower cut into 1-inch florets (1½ LB cut or 5 cups)
- 1½ teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¾ teaspoon ground turmeric
- ¼ cup olive oil

Chipotle Mayo

- ½ cup mayo use vegan mayo for vegan tacos
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- ⅛ teaspoon salt more to taste
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- 2 canned chipotle peppers substitute with 1 teaspoon smoked paprika and 1/2 teaspoon chipotle powder

Slaw

- 1 cup red cabbage finely chopped
- 1 cup green cabbage finely chopped
- ½ cup red onions thinly sliced
- 1 to 2 carrots grated
- ¼ cup cilantro finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons lime juice fresh

To Assemble

- 10 small corn tortillas
- 1 avocado cubed
- Lime wedges

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the cauliflower into small 1 inch florets. When cutting the cauliflower, first remove all the excess outer layer of thick stems, leaves and trim the main stem. Then cut the cauliflower starting from the bottom of the stem so florets almost start to fall off. This will make sure that you have minimal crumbly mess. Then cut the florets into smaller 1-inch pieces.
2. Place the cauliflower in a large mixing bowl and add turmeric, salt, black pepper and oil. Mix well and spread evenly in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking tray. Roast cauliflower in a preheated oven at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until the cauliflower starts to turn golden brown on the edges.

Make the sauce. I have 2 favorite sauce recipes that like to serve with these tacos.

1. Cilantro jalapeño sauce AKA Crack Sauce from one of my favorite blogs [thechutneylife](#)
2. Homemade Chipotle Mayo. To make this simply add mayo, water, lime juice, salt, chili powder and chipotle chili to a blender and blend until smooth. I use canned chipotle chili in adobo sauce and pick out just the chilies. I add 1 to 2 chiles in this recipe but you can add more or less depending on the spice level you like. If you do not have canned chipotle chili you can also use 1 to 2 teaspoons of chipotle chili powder.

Cabbage Slaw

1. Make the cabbage slaw by mixing red cabbage, green cabbage, red onions, carrots and cilantro in a bowl. Add some fresh lime juice to brighten up the flavors.

Assemble the tacos

1. Next, warm the tortillas either on a pan, grill or directly on the stovetop. I prefer the stovetop method as it results in slightly charred but smokey tortillas. Using tongs hold the tortilla directly on the flame and cook each side for 10 to 15 seconds.
2. To assemble the tacos, place 2 to 3 spoonful of roasted cauliflower on the tortilla. Add cabbage slaw, avocados, pickled onions and drizzle the spicy sauce on top. Serve immediately with a squeeze of fresh lime.

NOTES

- Please visit the recipe on the blog for more notes.

Wednesday: ACHARI CHICKEN



PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 25 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 35 MIN

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ pounds chicken drumsticks skin removed
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 teaspoon fenugreek seeds
- 1 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- ½ teaspoon nigella seeds or onions seeds
- 4 dried whole red chilies
- 1 tablespoon garlic paste
- 2 tablespoons ginger paste
- 1 large yellow onion finely sliced
- 1½ tablespoons tomato paste
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 2 teaspoons Kashmiri red chili powder
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup full-fat yogurt lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- ¼ cup cilantro finely chopped for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Set the Instant Pot to Saute mode and heat oil. Add the mustard seeds and allow them to pop. Add cumin seeds, fennel seeds, nigella seeds, and fenugreek seeds. Sauté for 10 seconds.
2. Add the sliced onion and mix well. Add whole red chilies and sauté for 3 to 4 mins covered or until the onions become translucent. Next, add ginger paste, garlic paste, turmeric, chili powder, salt and mix well.
3. Add the chicken pieces and stir everything together until the chicken is coated with all the spices. Turn off saute mode, add ½ cup of water and deglaze the pot. Layer the tomato paste on top and do not mix.
4. Close the Instant Pot with the pressure valve to sealing. Pressure cook for 6 minutes followed by 10-minute natural pressure release.
5. Open the Instant Pot and add a few spoonfuls of hot gravy to the yogurt and stir, this will prevent the cold yogurt from splitting in the curry. Add the yogurt to the chicken and mix well. Stir in lemon juice and garnish with cilantro.

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Stovetop Directions

- Heat oil in a 4 to 6-quart heavy-bottomed pan or pot. Add the mustard seeds and allow them to pop. Add cumin seeds, fennel seeds, nigella seeds, and fenugreek seeds. Sauté for 10 seconds.
- Add the sliced onion and mix well. Add whole red chilies and sauté for 8 to 10 minutes covered or until the onions become translucent. Next, add ginger paste, garlic paste, turmeric, chili powder, salt and mix well.
- Add the chicken pieces and stir everything together until the chicken is coated with all the spices. Add 1 cup of water, tomato paste and mix well. Cook covered on medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until the chicken is fully cooked.
- Add a few spoonfuls of hot gravy to the yogurt and stir, this will prevent the cold yogurt from splitting in the curry. Add the yogurt to the chicken and mix well. Stir in lemon juice and garnish with cilantro. Add more salt to taste if needed.

Thursday: VEGETABLE THAI GREEN CURRY



PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 15 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 25 MIN

SERVES: 4

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Set the Instant Pot to saute mode and heat oil. Add green curry paste and saute for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Stir in coconut milk. Add onion, zucchini, mushrooms, eggplant and salt. Stir well.
2. Close the Instant Pot lid with the pressure valve to sealing and adjust the pressure cook time to 1 minute on low pressure. If you do not have the low-pressure option, you can set the time to zero minutes.
3. Allow 5 minutes of natural pressure release and then release the remaining pressure manually. Stir in the snap peas and pepper. Add brown sugar, soy sauce and lime juice. Mix well and taste for the spice & salt. Add more curry paste and salt if needed.
4. Cook on sauté mode until the curry comes to a gentle boil. Press cancel, garnish with cilantro & basil. Allow to cook for 5 mins before serving as the curry thickens a bit. Serve with **steamed jasmine rice**.

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Tips:

- Add baked tofu for added proteins
- For a more soupy curry add ½ cup of vegetable broth along with the coconut milk

StoveTop Recipe:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet or wok. Add green curry paste and saute for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Stir in coconut milk and ½ cup of water. Add onion, zucchini, mushrooms, eggplant, and salt. Stir well.
2. Cook covered on medium heat for 10 minutes or until all the veggies are cooked soft.
3. Stir in the snap peas and pepper. Add brown sugar, soy sauce, and lime juice. Mix well and taste for the spice & salt. Add more curry paste and salt if needed. Cook uncovered on medium heat until the curry comes to a gentle boil. Garnish with cilantro & basil. **Serve with steamed rice.**

Friday: INSTANT POT PENNE ALLA VODKA



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound pasta I used Trader Joe's organic brown rice penne pasta
- 28 oz tomato puree or marinara sauce
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion diced
- 6 garlic cloves minced
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes optional
- ½ cup vodka
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups water
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¼ cup Parmigiano Reggiano grated
- ¼ cup Parsley chopped

PREP TIME: 5 MIN

COOK TIME: 15 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 20 MIN

SERVES: 6

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Turn the Instant Pot to Saute mode and heat oil.
2. Add onions, garlic and red pepper flakes. Mix well and cook for 2 minutes with a glass lid on.
3. Add vodka, mix well and cook for another 2 mins to reduce down the vodka.
4. Add pasta, 2 cups of water and salt. Stir well, making sure to push most of the pasta under the liquids. Layer over the tomato puree or sauce and DO NOT mix. Close the Instant Pot and Manual/pressure cook for 4 minutes (Note, the cook time on Trader Joe's brown rice pasta is 7-10 mins) followed by Quick Release.
5. Stir in cream. Add parsley and grated cheese. Mix well and Serve hot.

NOTES

- Add enough water/broth/tomato sauce so that most of the pasta is under the liquids
- Layer the tomato puree or pasta sauce on top of the water or broth and do not mix it in
- For well-cooked pasta, pressure cook pasta for half the time on the pasta box
- For Al dente pasta, pressure cook for half the time on the pasta box minus 1 minute
- Always add the cream after the pasta is done pressure cooking
- Quick releasing after pressure cooking will avoid overcooking the pasta