Baked Mashed Potatoes Cakes

Serves Six as a side dish



Mashed Potatoes Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 ½ pounds Yukon gold potatoes
- 4 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons chives, finely chopped
- ' ½ cup panko (or breadcrumbs)
- 4 strips pre-cooked bacon, chopped small (optional)
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Kosher salt and pepper to taste

Steps

- 1. In a medium-size pot combine 2 quarts of water and the potatoes that have been peeled and cut into cubes that are about 2 inches. Cover and bring to a boil. Remove cover and continue to boil until the potatoes are super "fork-tender".
- 2. Drain potatoes and return to the pot and add the butter and milk. Mash potatoes well ensuring there are no lumps. Start with a teaspoon of salt and half a teaspoon of pepper and taste for desired seasoning. Adjust if needed. Add the egg and mix well. Stir in parmesan cheese, chopped chives, and bacon (if using). Chill mixture for 1 hour.
 - Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 4. Brush an 8" X 11" pan with olive oil and sprinkle 4 cup panko on top of the oil. Using a scooper or spoon and a ring mold, portion out the potato mixture into 6-8 rounds that are sitting on top of the panko crumbs. Smooth out the tops with an offset spatula and sprinkle the tops with the remaining panko.
- 5. Bake for 20 minutes. Panko should brown a bit more. Remove from pan and serve hot.