Courgette and Summer Vegetable Gratin

This delicious recipe adds variety to the menu during a courgette glut. Courgettes are accompanied by other seasonal vegetables.

Ingredients

Number and proportion of ingredients can vary to taste

- 2 medium courgettes sliced
- 100g young carrots sliced
- 100g runner beans cut into pieces
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 or 2 cloves of garlic squashed
- Olive Oil
- 2 teaspoons cornflour
- 45ml natural yoghurt (about 3 tablespoons)
- 100ml semi skimmed milk
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard (readymade not powder)
- 150g hard cheese grated
- 1 tablespoon fresh herbs (choose from whatever is available parsley, thyme, oregano etc)
- Fresh breadcrumbs to top crumb from bread that is slightly dry
- Salt & pepper to taste



Method

- 1. Place the sliced carrots and runner beans in a steamer and steam until just tender
- 2. Add olive oil to a frying pan
- 3. Add sliced courgettes, onions and garlic and sauté over a gentle heat until the courgette is just tender
- 4. Add the cornflour and mix well. Cook for a minute.
- 5. Add the milk stirring all the time and cook until the sauce thickens
- 6. Add the herbs, mustard and grated cheese and stir over a low heat until the cheese has melted
- 7. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 8. Remove from the heat
- 9. Stir in the yoghurt
- 10. Add the steamed vegetables and mix
- 11. Place in an ovenproof dish
- 12. Top with the breadcrumbs
- 13. Place in a hot oven and cook until the breadcrumbs are lightly browned

Variation

- Any mixture of summer vegetables could be used
- The vegetable and cheesy sauce could be topped with slices of steamed potatoes or used as a pie filling.
- The vegetable and cheesy sauce could be used as a pasta sauce.

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