

ZA'ATAR LAMB BACKSTRAP WITH BEETS & COUSCOUS





INGREDIENTS:

- > 1 Packet Lamb Backstrap
- > 1 Packet Baby Beetroot 250g
- > ½ Tub Unsweetened Yoghurt 175a
- > ¼ Jap Pumpkin 600g
- > 1 Cup Couscous
- > 1 Tin Chickpeas 400g

- > 1 Bunch Mint
- > 1 Bunch Asparagus
- > 1 Packet Za'atar Spice Mix

WHAT YOU'LL NEED FROM YOUR PANTRY:

> Olive Oil

METHOD - GET COOKING!



Preheat oven to 220°C. Using a kettle or a small pot, bring 2 cups of water to the boil. Clean the pumpkin skin with a damp cloth, remove the seeds using a spoon and cut in half, then into 1cm wedges.

Place the pumpkin on a baking tray lined with baking paper, sprinkle 1 tsp of Za'atar, salt and pepper and 1 tsp of olive oil.

Place in the oven and cook for 20 mins until golden brown.



Pat the lamb backstrap dry using paper towel, and rub with 2 tsp of Za'atar, salt, pepper and a drizzle of olive oil. In a frying pan on high heat, add 1 tbsp of olive oil and sear the lamb for approx. 3-4 mins on each side, for medium rare.

If you like your lamb medium or well done, cook for a few more minutes on each side. **Rest** for 10 mins **before slicing**.



Place 1 cup of couscous in a bowl, season with salt and pepper and add 1 cup of boiling water, combine and cover with a plate. After 3 mins, fluff the couscous using a fork. Drain the chickpeas, pick and chop the mint and add to the bowl of couscous.

Meanwhile, **grate** the **beetroot** using a box grater on the finest side, **place into** a **bowl** with half the **yoghurt** container, **season** with salt and pepper and set aside.



Using the same frying pan that was used for the lamb, add 1 tbsp of olive oil and quickly cook the asparagus for 2–3 mins on a high heat.

Once the lamb has rested, **slice into thin slices** and **serve** with chickpea couscous, beetroot yoghurt, roasted pumpkin and asparagus.

ABOUT YOUR LEFTOVER INGREDIENTS...

- Use roast pumpkin in salads, soup or tarts.
- · Use couscous in Mediterranean inspired salads.
- Use Za'atar as a seasoning on your favourite protein.

