

Indian Potato Patties | Aloo Ki Tikki

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Makes 9 to 12 patties | Active Time: 30 minutes | Total Time: 45 minutes

Step 1: Cooking the Potatoes

- 1 lb russet potatoes (approx. 2 large)
- sea salt
- 1 bay leaf

Peel and cut the potatoes into about 1" -inch dice. For this recipe it is best to use starchier potatoes such as russets.

Place into a pot, cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Add the salt and bay leaf. Turn the heat down to a simmer and let cook until soft enough to mash, about 10 minutes or so. Alternatively, the potatoes can be steamed.

Strain and place back into hot pot to dry out a bit.

Meanwhile, go ahead and cook the peas.

Step 2: Cooking the Peas

- 1 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 1/2 tsp sea salt

To cook the peas, bring a pot of cold water to a boil. Once the water boils, add the salt and peas and cook for about 2 to 4 minutes or until just cooked through. Drain, rinse under cold water and set aside while you check the potatoes.

Step 3: Checking the Potatoes

Once the potatoes are just cooked through (soft enough to mash, but not mushy), drain and add them back to the hot pot. Set aside. The hot pot will help to dry out the potatoes a bit while you prepare the rest of your mise en place.

Step 4: Preparing the Mirepoix

- 1/2 cup finely diced red onion
- 1 tbsp ginger
- 1 to 2 green chilies (or serrano)

To prepare the mirepoix, finely dice the onions, ginger and green chilies. If you like things spicy, add both chilies with or without the ribs and seeds. Set this all aside while you mash the potatoes.

Step 5: Mashing the Potatoes

Once the potatoes have dried a bit (but are still warm), mash them using a fork or potato masher. Do not use a potato ricer. This will make the potatoes too fine. By mashing with a fork, a few little chunks of potato here and there will add nice texture.

Transfer this to a large bowl and set aside while you fry the mirepoix.

Step 6: Frying the Mirepoix

- 2 tbsp grapeseed or vegetable oil
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp garam masala

To fry the mirepoix, heat a fry pan over medium to medium-high heat. Once hot, add the oil, followed by the onions and a good pinch of salt. Let cook for 5 mins or so...

, ginger and chilies. *Note: If desired, omit the oil and dry-sauté the mirepoix with a bit of vegetable stock or water.

Let cook for about a minute until the onions just start to soften. Then add all of the spices and let cook for a few seconds until aromatic.

Step 7: Mixing the Patties

- 2 tbsp chickpea flour (also called - besan, chana, or gram flour)
- 1/2 fresh lemon (1 tbsp lemon juice)
- 1 to 2 tbsp fresh cilantro

To mix the patties, gently fold together the potatoes, peas, onion-spice mixture, chickpea flour and lemon juice. If adding the cilantro, finely chop it and add it to the mix.

Step 8: Forming the Patties

To form the patties, measure approximately 1/4 cup (approx 70 hrs each) and form into golf ball-like rounds. Then gently press them together and then flatten them to form even patties.

Once all the patties are formed, cover them with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes or until completely cooled. Note: cold patties will stay together better during frying. The patties can be made several hours ahead.

Step 9: Frying the Patties

- 3 tbsp grapeseed or vegetable oil *

To fry the patties, heat the oil in a non-stick fry pan over medium heat. Once the oil is hot, add the patties. Fry until golden brown before gently turning over. Continue to cook on the other side until golden brown and heated through. Once done, place onto a rack.

*Note: If desired, omit the oil and place the patties onto a baking tray lined with parchment and bake in a 350°F oven (175°C) for 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden and heated through. Gently flip the patties halfway through baking.

Step 10: Serving the Patties

- 1/2 cup tamarind, tomato or mint chutney
- See Below for Links to Chutney Recipes

Serve the patties either warm or at room temperature with tamarind, tomato, or mint chutney (recipe links below).

If desired, sprinkle the tops of the patties with a bit of chat masala (see note below).

Chef's Notes

****Chat masala is an Indian spice blend that is often used as a finishing seasoning. It adds a nice flavor and just a bit of saltiness.**

Serve these potato patties with the following chutney recipes:

Tamarind Chutney Recipe

Sweet Tomato Chutney Recipe

Mint and Coriander Chutney Recipe

ADD THIS TO CHUTNEY RECIPES

This chutney goes particularly well with samosas, pakoras or Aloo Ki Tikki (Indian Potato Patties).