Mashed Cauliflower

Serves: 4 Serving Size: Prep: Cook: Ready: 15 minutes 30 minutes 45 minutes

3/4 cup

Description:

Looking for warm winter comfort food that's a little more exciting than plain old mashed potatoes? Scented with nutmeg and thyme, this creamy cauliflower puree offers a generous dose of cell-protective antioxidants and powerful phytochemicals, including cancer-protective isothiocyanates and indoles. If you can find golden cauliflower (sometimes called "cheddar" cauliflower), it will make a beautifully tinted mash. For a cheese-like accent, try garnishing the puree with a sprinkle of nutritional yeast.

Ingredients:

6 1/2 CUPS cauliflower florets
1 medium head cauliflow er, about 2 lbs

1 CUP chopped onion

1/2 TEASPOON garlic powder

1 CUP unsweetened soy milk

1 TEASPOON fresh thyme $\it chopped$

or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/8 TEASPOON fine sea salt

1/8 TEASPOON freshly ground pepper

PINCH freshly ground nutmeg

1 TABLESPOON cornstarch

1 TABLESPOON finely chopped chives/or nutritional yeast garnish, optional

Directions:

- In a large saute pan, combine onions with 1/4 cup water over high heat. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring frequently, until onions are tender and liquid has evaporated, about 10 minutes. Add soymilk, garlic powder, thyme, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Bring soymilk to a simmer. Be careful not to boil. Dissolve cornstarch with 1 Tablespoon water in a small bowl. Whisk dissolved cornstarch into the onion mixture. Cook about 2 minutes, whisking frequently, until mixture is thick and creamy. Remove from heat. Set aside.
- 2 Place a vegetable steamer basket in a saucepan and add water to just below bottom of steamer basket. Over high heat, bring water to a boil. Add cauliflower florets, cover, and steam until tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. (You may need to steam cauliflower in batches, depending on the size of your steamer.) Remove strainer basket. Discard steaming water from the pot.
- 3 Place steamed cauliflower back into the empty pot. Add white sauce to the cauliflower. Using a hand masher, sturdy whisk, or immersion blender, mash the cauliflower to desired consistency. Alternatively, blend in food processor fitted with metal blade.

Nutrition Facts

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Amount Per Serving

Calories 70	Calories from Fat 9
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 1g	2%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 221mg	9%
Total Carbohydrate	4%
12g	
Dietary Fiber 5g	20%
Sugars 4g	
Protein 6g	12%

Excellent Source of: Fiber, Vitamin B1, B2, B3, B6, B12, Vitamin C, Folate, Potassium **Good Source of:** Phosphorus

^{*} Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

Taste for seasoning, adding more thyme, salt, pepper, or nutmeg, as needed. Serve warm with a sprinkle of chives and/or nutritional yeast, if desired.

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