



EXCLUSIVE RECIPE Beetroot, feta & thyme tart

SERVES 4-6 PREP 20-30 mins COOK 1 hr 30 mins-1 hr 40 mins plus at least 30 mins chilling MORE EFFORT V *

Using different coloured beetroots gives this tart the wow factor. Cassie Best

800g beetroot – we used a variety of colours
285g plain flour
150g cold butter, cut into cubes
8-10 thyme sprigs, leaves picked

2 egg yolks150g ricotta1 lemon, zest100g feta or vegetarian alternative

- 1 Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Put the beetroots in a roasting tin and wrap the tin tightly in foil. Bake for 45-60 mins, until a sharp knife can slide through the beetroots with little resistance. Leave to cool. Will keep chilled for two days. 2 Put the flour, butter, half the thyme and 1½ tsp salt in a large bowl. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 1 egg yolk and 1 tbsp cold water and mix with a cutlery knife until it starts to clump together. Use your hands to bring the dough into a smooth ball, being careful not to overwork it. Wrap in baking parchment and chill for 30 mins. Will keep chilled for a day. 3 Cut the root end off the beetroots, peel and thinly slice.
- 4 Mix the ricotta with the lemon zest and season well. Put the pastry between two sheets of baking parchment and roll out to a rectangle, roughly 30 x 20cm and about ½ cm thick. Spread the ricotta mixture over the pastry, leaving a border of about 1cm around the edge. Arrange the sliced beetroot on top. Scatter with the feta, remaining thyme and some seasoning. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. 5 Fold the sides of the pastry in to seal the edges of the tart. Will keep chilled for a day or frozen for a month. Brush the edges with some of the remaining egg yolk, then lift the tart onto a baking tray. Bake for 30 mins, or 40 mins from frozen.

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PER SERVING (6) 516 kcals • fat 29g • saturates 18g • carbs 47g • sugars 10g • fibre 6g • protein 13g • salt 2.4g