

Eat and drink, but waste not by excess (Al-A'raf 31)
Banu Atabay's Mütevazı Lezzetler® Turkish cooking recipes

Meatballs with Earthnuts

Fıstıklı Köfte



1.10 pounds ground meat
1/3 cup earthnuts
2 boiled medium potatoes
1 small onion
3 tbsp crumbs
1 tsp cumin
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 tsp salt

For the Sauce: 3 tbsp vegetable oil 1 + 1/2 cups water 1 tbsp tomato paste 1/2 tbsp flour 5 - 6 stems of parsley 1/2 tsp black pepper 1/2 tsp salt

Firstly peel the earthnuts and crush them thickly or blend. Mash the boiled potatoes.

Put grated onion, mashed potato, ground meat, crumbs, cumin, black pepper and salt into a deep bowl. Knead the mixture, until it smoothens totally.

Pick pieces, which are bigger than normal, from the meatballs' mixture and shape them as oval. Place the meatballs onto the greased or grease-proof paper covered baking tray.

Place the tray into the oven, which is preheated to 383 F. Cook it until the upper surfaces of the meatballs turn into red.

Meanwhile prepare the sauce. Put flour and vegetable oil into pot and roast it for a while over medium heat. Add cold water and tomato paste on it, by stirring constantly. Sprinkle black pepper and salt all over and boil it for 5 more minutes. After removing the pot from the stove, add finely sliced parsley into the mixture. # Place the cooked meatballs onto the service plate and pour the prepared sauce all over and serve it hot.

Note: If the sauce will be prepared with tomato instead of tomato paste, add 1 tsp granulated sugar in it.