

TRADITIONAL MANDARIN Pancakes

Difficulty: Easy Serves: Approx 40 pancakes



INGREDIENTS

4 cups Plain Four (all-purpose flour)

- 1 1/2 cups Boiling Water
- 1 tablespoon Sesame Oil

METHOD

- 1. Place the unsifted flour in a mixing bowl.
- 2. Make a well in the centre and add the boiling water, stirring rapidly with a fork.
- 3. Knead the dough well on a lightly floured surface until it is smooth and firm.
- 4. Return the dough to the mixing bowl, cover and leave to stand for 30min.
- 5. Knead the dough briefly on a lightly floured surface and roll into a sausage 4cm in diameter.
- 6. Pull it apart with your fingers to make smooth balls, making sure that they are all the same size.
- 7. Roll the pieces between your hands and flatten each ball until it is 5mm thick.
- 8. Brush the top with sesame oil.
- 9. Place one piece of dough on top of another, oiled sides facing, and roll into a pancake about 15cm across.
- 10. Heat the frying pan and brush the bottom with sesame oil.
- 11. Add the paired pancakes to the skillet one at a time.
- 12. Cook over a medium heat for 30seconds, turn and cook the other side for 30 seconds.
- 13. Pull the paired pancakes apart with your fingers to make two thin pancakes.
- 14. Place them on a large piece of foil, one on top of the other, oil side up.
- 15. Wrap them in the foil and steam for 10mins.
- 16. Serve as an accompaniment to Peking Duck.

CHEF'S TIPS

Any pancakes left over can be wrapped in foil and kept in the refrigerator for up to three days.