2 day <u>Pierogi Recipe</u>



Filling Ingredients:

5 Yellow Potatoes, or 3 russet potatoes

8 oz Farmer cheese

2 T. Cheddar cheese

1/2 t. Garlic powder

1/2 t. Onion powder

1 Onion, minced & sauteed until golden

2 T. Butter for sauteeing

Salt & pepper to taste

- 1. Place potatoes in a pot, cover with water and cook until fork-tender.
- 2. Heat oil in a frying pan, add onions, seasoned with a pinch of salt and pepper, cook until golden brown.
- 3. Once potatoes are cooked: use a potato ricer or potato masher to mash the potatoes so they don't have lumps.
- 4. Add farmer cheeses, spices, salt, and pepper and mix well with a spoon.

Dough Ingredients:

4 cups all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup water

2 eggs

- 1. In a big bowl, add flour and salt.
- 2. In a liquid measuring cup measure 1c. water & crack 2 eggs & mix together.
- Make a well in the middle of the bowl and slowly add in the water & egg mixture, then mix until a dough forms.
- 4. Knead the dough on a floured surface until a smooth ball forms about 8 minutes.
- 5. Cover the dough with a tea towel and let it rest for 10 minutes.

Topping Ingredients:

1 yellow onion sliced thin 2 tablespoons oil for frying Salt and pepper to taste 1/2 cup sour cream (optional for dipping)

- 1. Sautee the sliced onion in oil with salt & pepper until golden brown.
- 2. Serve cooked pierogi with onions & sour cream.

Making Pierogi:

- 1. Roll the dough on a floured surface and dust with flour until thin about ½ to ¼ inch thick
- 2. Using a 3 inch round cookie cutter or glass, cut the dough into circles.
- 3. Place 1t. of the filling in the middle of each circle.
- 4. Place the circle in the palm of your hand, stretch to fold in half, pinch & seal it together like a half-moon shape. Being careful not to push the filling out.
- 5. Place on a tray dusted with flour, making sure that the pierogi are not touching one another.

Cooking Pierogi:

- 1. Boil a large pot of water and season with a few pinches of salt.
- 2. Once the water is boiling, place about 8 pierogi into the water at a time.
- 3. Once they float to the surface let them cook for 3-5 minutes and use a slotted spoon to take them out onto a plate.
- 4. Lightly fry them in a fry pan with oil until slightly golden brown.
- 5. Serve with fried onions and sour cream.

You can freeze raw pierogi. If you're making pierogi with an intention to freeze them-just boil them for 30 seconds in boiling water. Then freeze separated on a tray and after 2 hours place them into a ziplock bag for about 3 months.