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SOUTH AFRICAN PAP & SHEBA

SERVES 10

Pap, also known as maize porridge, is a traditional South African dish made from maize meal. It is a staple food in many South African households, especially among the Sotho, Tswana, and Zulu cultures. Pap is often served with Sheba, a tomato and onion sauce that adds a flavourful punch to the meal. The combination of Pap and Sheba represents unity and sustenance, making it a beloved comfort food.

INGREDIENTS

PAP

- 6 cups maize meal (mielie meal)
- 12 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt

SHEBA

- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3 large onions, chopped

STEPS

PAP

- Prepare the Water: Pour 12 cups of water into a large pot and bring it to a boil.
- 2 Add Maize Meal: Once the water is boiling, slowly add the maize meal while stirring continuously to avoid lumps.
- **3 Cook the Pap:** Reduce the heat to low, cover the pot, and let the pap simmer for about 20

- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 12 ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste

UTENSILS

- Large pot with a lid
- Large spoon for stirring
- Knife (with parental supervision)
- Chopping board
- Large frying pan



- minutes. Stir occasionally.
- 4 Serve: Once the pap is thick and smooth, it's ready to serve.

SHEBA

- P Heat the Oil: In a large frying pan, heat 3 tablespoons of cooking oil over medium heat.
- 2 Cook the Onions and Garlic: Add the chopped onions and garlic to the pan and sauté until they're soft and golden.
- Add Tomatoes: Stir in the chopped tomatoes,
 sugar, salt, and pepper. Let the mixture cook
 for about 15 minutes until the tomatoes break
 down into a thick sauce.
- 4 Serve: Pour the Sheba over the pap and enjoy!



SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAI SHISA NYAMA

SERVES 10

Shisa Nyama, which means "burn the meat" in Zulu, is a traditional South African braai (barbecue) where meat is grilled over an open flame. It's not just a meal but a social gathering, bringing family and friends together. Shisa Nyama is a cornerstone of South African culture, enjoyed during celebrations, weekends, and public holidays.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 kg beef steak, lamb chops, or chicken pieces (choose your favourite)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 tablespoons barbecue sauce (optional)



STEPS

- **1** Season the Meat: Season the meat with salt, pepper, and barbecue sauce (if using).
- Preheat the Braai: Light the braai and let the coals get hot and ashy before grilling.
- 3 Grill the Meat: Place the meat on the braai and grill, turning occasionally with tongs until it's cooked to your liking. Beef should be grilled for about 7-10 minutes per side,
- Braai (barbecue grill) or gas grill
- Tongs
- Basting brush (if using barbecue sauce)
- Plates for serving



chicken for about 10-15 minutes per side.

4 Serve: Once the meat is nicely grilled, remove it from the braai and serve hot.



SOUTH AFRICAN GRILLED SANDWICHES BRAAI BROODJIES

Braai Broodjies are a beloved addition to any South African braai. These grilled sandwiches, filled with cheese, tomato, and onion, are a simple yet delicious side dish. They're typically cooked on the braai alongside the meat, adding a comforting and familiar taste to the meal.

SERVES 10

INGREDIENTS

- 20 slices of bread
- 10 slices of cheese
- 3 large tomatoes, sliced
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- Butter or margarine for spreading
- Salt and pepper to taste

STEPS

- Prepare the Sandwiches: Spread butter on one side of each slice of bread. Place a slice of cheese, tomato, and onion on the unbuttered side of 10 slices of bread. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then top with the remaining bread slices, buttered side up.
 - Grill the Sandwiches: Place the

UTENSILS

- Braai (barbecue grill) or sandwich press
- Spatula
- Knife (with parental supervision)
- Chopping board
- Butter knife



sandwiches on the braai and grill for about 3-5 minutes per side until the bread is golden and the cheese is melted. Use a spatula to flip them carefully.

Serve: Once the sandwiches are crispy and melted, remove them from the grill and cut them in half before serving.









Samosas are a traditional Indian snack that has become popular worldwide. These triangular pastries are filled with spiced potatoes, peas, or meat and are usually fried until crispy. In South Africa, samosas are a common treat at cultural events and celebrations, reflecting the country's rich Indian heritage.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Water (as needed)
- 6 large potatoes, boiled and mashed
- 2 cups peas
- 3 large onions, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced

STEPS

- Make the Dough: In a mixing bowl, combine
 the flour, salt, and vegetable oil. Slowly add
 water and knead until you have a soft
 dough. Cover and let it rest for 30 minutes.
- 2 Prepare the Filling: Heat a frying pan with a little oil and sauté the onions and garlic until soft. Add the curry powder, mashed potatoes, peas, and salt. Mix well and cook for 5 minutes, then let it cool.
- 3 teaspoons curry powder
- Salt to taste
- Oil for frying

UTENSILS

- Rolling pin
- Knife (with supervision)
- Frying pan
- Large pot for frying (with parental supervision)
- Mixing bowl
- Tongs or a slotted spoon for frying



- **3 Roll Out the Dough:** Divide the dough into
 small balls. Roll each ball into a thin circle
 using a rolling pin. Cut each circle in half.
- **4 Fill the Samosas:** Fold each half-circle into a cone shape, fill it with the potato mixture, and seal the edges with a little water.
 - Fry the Samosas: Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Fry the samosas in batches until they are golden brown and crispy. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove them from the oil and drain on paper towels.



AFRIKAANS KOEKSISTERS



Koeksisters are a traditional South African dessert, particularly popular in Afrikaans culture. These twisted pastries are fried until golden and then soaked in a sweet syrup, making them sticky and delicious. Koeksisters are often enjoyed with tea or as a sweet treat after a meal.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons cold butter
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- Oil for frying
- 6 cups sugar
- 3 cups water
- 3 teaspoons lemon juice

STEPS

- Make the Dough: In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the milk and knead to form a soft dough. Cover and let it rest for 30 minutes.
- 2 Prepare the Syrup: In a saucepan, combine the sugar, water, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, then simmer until the syrup thickens

UTENSILS

- Rolling pin
- Knife (with parental supervision)
- Frying pan
- Large pot for frying (with parental supervision)
- Mixing bowl
- Tongs or slotted spoon for frying



slightly. Remove from heat and let it cool completely.

- Shape the Koeksisters: Roll out the dough
 on a floured surface to about 1/4 inch thick.
 Cut into strips, then twist each strip to form
 the koeksisters.
- P Fry the Koeksisters: Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Fry the koeksisters in batches until golden brown. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove them from the oil.
- 5 Dip in Syrup: While still warm, dip the
 koeksisters in the cooled syrup, ensuring
 they are well coated. Let them soak briefly
 before serving.

