

# **Eek!**

# Cheesy Pumpkin

### Print and play

## Frightfully fast fun!!

Decorate shop-brought waffles!!



These very cheesy waffles, with hidden pumpkin purée are perfect for kids who aren't that keen on their veg! Packed with calcium and protein, they make a great meal in one.

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Children will love these fun Monster Waffles for Halloween – let their imaginations run wild creating silly veggie faces!

**Waffle Monster** 



### Ingredients

320g spelt flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp smoked paprika (sweet)
120g cheddar cheese (grated)
2 eggs
250ml milk
200g pumpkin puree
(see recipe notes)
25g butter (melted)
salt & pepper

#### Decorations

6 florets broccoli 3 radishes 6 olives (black) 6 slices cucumber 25g sunflower seeds 1 red pepper

Children's Costumes for Imaginative Play

### Set your waffle maker to warm up whilst you make the waffle mixture.

In a large bowl, add the spelt flour, baking powder, sweet smoked paprika, grated cheddar cheese, salt and pepper.

Mix well.

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In a separate bowl, combine the eggs, milk, pumpkin purée and melted butter.

Add the mixture to the dry ingredients and stir lightly until just combined.



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Brush the waffle maker lightly with olive oil and use an ice cream scoop to fill the bottom iron – don't overfill as you really don't want the batter spilling over the sides.

Close the lid and allow to cook for 5 minutes.

Remove the waffles and keep warm whilst making the next batch.

# Decorating the Waffle Monsters

Prepare the decorations:

- lightly steam the broccoli and slice
- slice the radishes and top with slices of black olive to create monster eyes
- halve the cucumber slices
- slice the pepper into mouth shapes
- have the sunflower seeds ready to make scary teeth.

Serve the waffles warm, and get creative with the veggie decorations to create fun monster faces!

### **Recipe notes**

### Pumpkin purée

You can find pure pumpkin purée tinned in the supermarket, or you can easily make your own:

Preheat the oven to 180c, line a baking tray with baking paper.

Halve a small pumpkin, scoop out the seeds and place the two halves face down onto the prepped tray.

Bake for around 45-60 mins until cooked through.

Allow to cool, scoop out the flesh and whizz in a blender until smooth.

Extra waffles can be frozen and stored for up to 3 months. Pop them into the toaster to defrost and reheat.

#### Gluten-free

Switch spelt flour to sorghum flour or gluten-free oat flour.

#### Egg-free

Omit the eggs and use a mix of 160g spelt/160g gram flour.

### Dairy-free

Use olive oil and vegan mozarella or cheddar alternative. You can also make them taste cheesy with a tbsp of yeast flakes smooshed up into the pumpkin purée.

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