

Christmas PUDDING

INGREDIENTS

- 5 cup (1kg) mixed dried fruit
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup (200g) firmly packed brown sugar
- 300 millilitre sour cream
- 2 1/4 cup (335g) plain flour
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Grease a pudding steamer or basin (1.75-litre/7-cup capacity), line base with a round of baking paper.
- 2. Place mixed fruit into a large bowl, stir to separate fruit.
- 3. Beat eggs and sifted brown sugar in a small bowl with an electric mixer until thick and creamy. Add egg mixture to the mixed fruit then stir in the sour cream and sifted dry ingredients.
- 4. Spoon pudding mixture into the prepared steamer. Place a 30cm x 40cm sheet of foil on bench, grease foil; top with a sheet of baking paper. Fold a 5cm pleat crossways through the centre of both sheets.
- 5. Place sheets, baking paper-side-down, over steamer, secure with lid or string. Make a handle with excess string. Crush surplus foil and baking paper firmly around rim to help form a good seal.
- 6. Place the pudding in a large boiler with enough boiling water to come halfway up the side of steamer. Cover the boiler with a tight-fitting lid; steam for 5 hours. Replenish with boiling water as necessary to maintain boil and water level during cooking. Stand the pudding for 15 minutes before turning out. Cool.
- 7. Wrap the pudding thoroughly in plastic wrap then place in an airtight container or freezer bag.

SERVES: 10

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