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## Paneer Butter Masala (Spicy Cottage Cheese Gravy)



## Ingredients

Cottage cheese - 200g  
 Tomatoes- 4  
 Fresh cream - 2 tbsp  
 Butter - 2 tbsp  
 oil - 1 tbsp  
 Chopped capsicum - 3tbsp  
 Turmeric - 1/2 tsp  
 Kashmiri chili powder - 1 1/2 tsp  
 Cumin seeds - 1 tsp  
 Salt - 1 tsp  
 Sugar - 1/2 tsp  
 <em><strong>For The Paste</strong></em>  
 Grated bottle gourd (Lauki or Dudhi) - 150g  
 Cashew nuts - 12  
 Melon seeds - 1 1/2 tbsp  
 Ginger - 1 inch  
 Green chili - 2  
 Dried fenugreek leaves - 1 tsp  
 Refined oil - 2 tbsp  
 Cloves - 3  
 Green cardamom - 4  
 Pepper corns - 8  
 Cinnamon - 1/2 inch

## Preparation

- 1 Blanch, peel and grind tomato and make a smooth paste.
- 2 Gravy - take 2 tbsp oil in a pan and add 1/2 tsp cumin, cinnamon, cloves, peppercorns and green cardamom.
- 3 When seeds start crackling add cashew nuts, melon seeds and grated bottle gourd (lauki).
- 4 Saute for 2 minute, then add salt and kasoori methi (dried fenugreek leaves).
- 5 Cook for 2-3 minutes or till the bottle gourd gets cooked.
- 6 Then take out the mixture in a bowl.

- 7 Let it cool down, then grind and make a fine and smooth paste.
- 8 Heat 1 tbsp oil and 1 tbsp butter in a pan.
- 9 Add capsicum pieces and saute for few seconds.
- 10 Then add turmeric, chili powder and tomato puree and cook for 2 minutes.
- 11 Add the bottle gourd gravy and cook again for 1 minute.
- 12 Add salt, sugar, fresh cream and cottage cheese (paneer) pieces.
- 13 Mix and cook on slow flame till oil start seperating from the sides of the pan.
- 14 Add 1 tbsp butter and garnish with fresh coriander.
- 15 Best with naan, tandoori roti or rice.

### **Cooks Note**

Cottage cheese cooked in smooth and creamy tomato sauce.

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