

## **Mashed Potatoes with Onion Crème**

Skip the heavy cream and butter; add fantastic onion flavor to mashed potatoes

2 Tablespoon olive oil
3 yellow onions, thinly sliced
8 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled; quartered
1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 to 3 Tablespoons olive oil

Garnish: Fresh minced parsley as desired

- Heat the olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Add onions and reduce heat to medium; cover; cook for about 8 to 10 minutes; turning occasionally to soften. Uncover; cook for about 10 to 15 minutes until onions are softened and lightly caramelized. Stir occasionally. Remove from pan; set aside to cool.
- 2. Transfer onions to a food processor or blender and puree for 1 to 2 minutes until smooth and creamy. Transfer to a small bowl; set aside.

- 3. Place potatoes and salt in a medium saucepan; cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Then reduce heat to medium. Cover; cook for 15 to 20 minutes until they can be easily pierced with a fork. Drain.
- 4. Return potatoes to the saucepan; cook over medium heat for 2 minutes. Stir in the onion crème, then mash the potatoes and onions together. Season generously with salt and pepper and mix.
- 5. Drizzle the extra virgin olive oil over the mashed potatoes and serve warm
- 6. Sprinkle with minced fresh parsley as desired. Serves: 6

**Recipe Inspired by:** Kim Kushner, *The Modern Table* Recipe: *Mashed Potatoes with Onion Crème* p. 147 Comment Notes from Kim Kushner:

Note: "Pan-drying" is a cooking technique where boiled potatoes are cooked in a dry pot for a few minutes to remove moisture and "dry out" the potatoes

Note: Onions can be sauteed and pureed in advance and stored in the refrigerator for up to 7 days or in the freezer for up to 1 month.

Note: Potatoes can be mashed 2 hours in advance of serving. Reheat mashed potatoes in a saucepan over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes. Add a little olive oil for added creaminess.

**About the Recipe:** If you want to serve the most delicious, mashed potatoes, this is the recipe to use. Forget about the *heavy* cream and rich butter. You won't need them. The secret is to prepare caramelized onions and puree them into a velvet smooth cream. Then just mash them into the potatoes and season to taste. These mashed potatoes are full of flavor and healthy too.