

Roasted Carrot, Ricotta & Walnut Puff Pastry Tart



Ingredients

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, partially thawed
- Approx. 340g carrots, peeled and thinly sliced on a diagonal
- 1½ teaspoons unsalted butter (for walnuts)
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- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- ¾ cup ricotta cheese
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Zest and juice of ½ lemon
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 1–2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint (optional)
- Sea salt and cracked pepper
- 1 egg, plus 1 teaspoon water (for egg wash)
- Microgreens or watercress, to serve

Optional drizzle

• Warmed honey with a pinch of chilli flakes or lemon zest

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C
- 2. In a small frying pan, melt the butter and olive oil over medium heat. Add the walnuts and toast for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring often, until golden and fragrant. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.
- 3. Toss the carrot slices with the remaining butter and olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and spread on a lined baking tray. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes, flipping once, until tender and starting to caramelise.
- 4. Bake for 18 minutes, until the feta is soft and just starting to turn golden at the edges.
- 5. In a bowl, combine the ricotta and feta. Stir in the garlic, lemon zest and juice, and all the herbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add a little extra olive oil if needed to loosen the texture.
- 6. Lay the puff pastry sheet onto a lined baking tray. Lightly score a 1 to 2 cm border around the edge with a knife, then prick the centre with a fork. Spread the ricotta mixture evenly within the border.
- 7. Arrange the roasted carrots over the ricotta base. Brush the pastry edges with egg wash. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the pastry is golden, puffed and crisp.
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 8. Let the tart cool slightly. Scatter over the toasted walnuts and garnish with microgreens or



watercress. Add a drizzle of honey, if desired. Serve warm or at room temperature.