KOHLRABI PAKORA

Pakora are delicious little Indian fritters often eaten for snacking or as an appetizer. Make sure your spices are fresh for maximum flavor.

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Featured Food: Kohlrabi

Yield: Makes 16-18 fritters

Ingredients

- 3 c. (about 2 medium) shredded kohlrabi
- 1 jalapeno (deveined and seeded), minced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 T. minced fresh ginger
- ½ c. julienned red onion
- ¼ c. shredded carrot
- ¾ c. chickpea flour
- 2 t. curry powder
- 2 t. garam masala
- 1 t. ground cumin
- 1 T. kosher salt plus small amount for sprinkling
- 1 egg
- ¼ c. chopped cilantro
- ½ lemon cut into wedges
- Oil for deep frying

Preparation

Put your prepared vegetables in large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk the chickpea flour, spices, and salt until combined. Add flour mixture and egg to vegetables. Mix well. If the mix looks dry, add a little water to make sure the flour sticks to the vegetables.

Heat oil in fryer or skillet until oil temperature reaches 350°F.

Using a tablespoon, get a heaping spoonful of mix into fryer. Fry scoops in the oil for about 6 minutes, or until a nice golden brown. Work in small batches so your oil does not cool off.

Remove pakoras from oil and place them on paper towel. Garnish with a little more kosher salt and cilantro. Serve lemon wedges as a garnish.