ZUCCHINI & FETA FRITTER PITA POCKETS

with Creamy Dill Sauce & Arugula Salad



PREP: 10 MIN COOK: 30 MIN CALORIES: 710



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TEMPURA BATTER

This crispy, light-as-air coating turns feta cheese and grated zucchini into golden fritters.

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ROYAL FRY-NESS

In step 4, you'll be shallow-frying your zucchini fritters. To test and make sure the oil is hot enough between batches, add a drop of batter on its own. If it sizzles immediately, that's your green light to keep cooking. If not, wait about 15 seconds, then try again.

BUST OUT

- Zester
- Box grater
- Small bowl
- 2 Medium bowls
- Large pan
- Paper towels
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Vegetable oil (for frying)
- Olive oil (2 tsp | 2 tsp)

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- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. (If you have a toaster oven, feel free to skip the preheating.) **Wash and dry all produce.**
- Pick and finely chop fronds from **dill**. Zest and quarter **lemon**.
- Trim and grate **zucchini** on the largest holes of a box grater. Place grated zucchini in the center of a clean kitchen towel or a couple layers of paper towels and toss with a big pinch of **salt**; set aside.
- Thinly slice **tomato** into rounds.



4 COOK FRITTERS

- Heat a ½-inch layer of oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pan over mediumhigh heat. Once oil is shimmering and hot enough that a drop of batter sizzles immediately when added to the pan, add tablespoon-sized scoops of batter, working in batches if necessary.
- Cook until **fritters** are deeply golden and cooked through, 2-4 minutes per side. TIP: Lower heat if fritters begin to brown too quickly.
- Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. Season with **salt**.



2 MAKE SAUCE

 In a small bowl, combine sour cream, lemon zest, half the chopped dill, a squeeze of lemon juice, and up to ¼ of the garlic powder to taste (you'll use the rest in the next step). Season with salt and pepper.



5 WARM PITAS

 Meanwhile, toast **pitas** in oven or toaster oven until warm and pliable, 2-3 minutes.



3 MAKE BATTER

- Gather towel with **grated zucchini** into a tight bundle and wring over the sink to remove excess moisture. Repeat process until zucchini is very dry.
- In a medium bowl, stir together tempura mix, half the feta (you'll use the rest later), remaining chopped dill and garlic powder, ¼ cup cold water (⅔ cup for 4 servings), ½ tsp salt (1 tsp for 4), and pepper until smooth.
- Stir in zucchini until evenly combined. TIP: Batter should be very thick but not dry; add a splash of water if necessary.



6 FINISH & SERVE

- Halve pitas crosswise to create pockets; spread insides with as much creamy dill sauce as you like. Fill with a few fritters, tomato, and as much arugula as will fit.
- Toss remaining arugula and **feta** in a second medium bowl with a large drizzle of **olive oil**, a squeeze of **lemon juice**, **salt**, and **pepper**.
- Divide **pita pockets** and **salad** between plates. Serve with any remaining creamy dill sauce and fritters on the side.