## Cauliflower Mashed "Potatoes"



## **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 medium-sized cauliflower head, washed and cut into florets
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (optional, for added flavor)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or unsalted butter Salt and pepper to taste Fresh chives or parsley, chopped (optional, for garnish)

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Place the cauliflower florets in a steamer basket over a pot of boiling water. Cover and steam for about 10-15 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender when pierced with a fork.
- Once the cauliflower is tender, drain any excess moisture by placing it on a clean kitchen towel or paper towels. This helps prevent the mashed cauliflower from becoming too watery.
- 3. In a food processor or using a potato masher, blend the steamed cauliflower until it reaches a smooth consistency. You can also use a hand blender for this step. Add minced garlic if you desire extra flavor.
- **4.** While blending, add olive oil or unsalted butter to the mashed cauliflower. Continue blending until the mixture is creamy and well combined.
- **5.** Season the cauliflower mash with salt and pepper to taste. Adjust the seasoning according to your preference.
- **6.** Garnish the cauliflower mashed potatoes with chopped fresh chives or parsley for a pop of color and added flavor.
- 7. Enjoy!