Creamy Asparagus Soup with Fontina Fritters

French-inspired with a Meez twist, this is a lighter version of a classic vichyssoise soup. We're serving sautéed asparagus in a rich cream soup, then topping it with crispy asparagus and fontina fritters in place of croutons. It's an elegant recipe perfect any night of the week.

40 Minutes to the Table

40 Minutes Hands On

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Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT

Large Skillet

Large Mixing Bowl

Small Bowl

Griddle or Skillet

FROM YOUR PANTRY

Salt & Pepper

Milk (1/3 cup)

Egg (1)

Butter (1 Tbsp)

5 MEEZ CONTAINERS

Asparagus

Sour Cream & Chives

Fonting & Flour

Onions, Leeks & Garlic

Vichyssoise Base

Good To Know

Vichyssoise is traditionally served as a cold soup, perfect for the warmer weather of Spring and Summer. If you prefer it warm, heat it in a saucepan over medium heat prior to sautéing the asparagus.

Health snapshot per serving – 780 Calories, 26g Protein, 59g Fat, 37g Carbs, 32 Freestyle Points

Lightened up snapshot – 630 Calories, 44g Fat, 34g Carbs, and 16 Smart Points when don't add in the butter or sour cream and chives.

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.



1. Cook the Asparagus for the Vichyssoise

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. When the oil is hot, add <u>half</u> the **Asparagus** and sauté until it starts to char, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove the asparagus from the heat and set aside. Wipe out the skillet.

2. Make the Asparagus Fritter Batter

Melt 1 Tbsp butter in the microwave or on the stove, then pour into a large mixing bowl. Crack 1 egg into a small bowl, mix well and add to the large mixing bowl along with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/3 cup milk, the remaining uncooked asparagus, *Fontina & Flour* and *Onions, Leeks & Garlic*. Gently stir until all ingredients are mixed in. (Avoid overworking the batter.)

3. Cook the Fritters

Melt 2 Tbsp butter in the now-empty skillet over medium high heat. Ladle the batter on to the skillet, using a measuring cup, forming a fritter about 3" in diameter and about ½' thick. You should have approximately four fritters. Cook the fritters until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the fritters to a cutting board and slice into bite sized pieces.

4. Put It All Together

Pour the **Vichyssoise Base** directly into serving bowls. Add the sautéed asparagus and top with the **Sour Cream & Chives**. Place the fritter croutons on top, serve and enjoy!

Instructions for two servings.

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