

# Espresso-Rubbed Steak with Au Gratin Sweet Potatoes

This week we're mixing up something really special with a chili and espresso rub that give the steak a zip that we fell in love with. The star, though, are our au gratin sweet potatoes, made with three cheeses and a breadcrumb crunch. Served with sautéed asparagus, it's a restaurant worthy recipe on the table in less than 30 minutes.

**25** *Minutes to the Table*

**25** *Minutes Hands On*

**1 Whisk** *Super Easy*

## Getting Organized

### EQUIPMENT

Large Oven Safe Skillet  
Loaf Pan or Casserole  
Dish

### FROM YOUR PANTRY

Olive Oil  
Salt & Pepper

### 6 MEEZ CONTAINERS

Sweet Potatoes  
Cream Sauce  
Seasoned Cheese  
Chile Espresso Rub  
Steak  
Asparagus

## Good To Know

**It's important to let the steaks rest** to keep them tender and juicy. Give them at least 3 to 5 minutes off the heat before you slice and serve.

**Health snapshot per serving** – 980 Calories, 59g Fat, 45g Protein, 70g Carbs, 32 Freestyle Points

**Lightened-Up Health snapshot per serving** – 695 Calories, 35g Fat, 57g Carbs, 20 Freestyle Points with two-thirds of the Sweet Potatoes, Cream Sauce, and Seasoned Cheese.

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

INGREDIENTS: Steak, Asparagus, Sweet Potato, Cream, Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Pecorino Romano, Panko Breadcrumbs, Mustard, Chicken Stock, Espresso Rub Spices.

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## 1. Getting Organized

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees.

## 2. Make the Au Gratin Sweet Potatoes

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, add the **Sweet Potatoes** and cook until they start to brown, about 4 minutes.

Add the **Cream Sauce** and bring to a boil, stirring constantly until the sauce thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the **Seasoned Cheese**.

Transfer the contents of the skillet into a loaf pan or casserole dish and cover with the remaining seasoned cheese. Bake until the seasoned cheese starts to brown, about 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

## 3. Cook the Steak

While the potatoes are cooking, spread the **Chile Espresso Rub** on a plate. Pat dry the **Steaks** with a paper towel and firmly press one side into the rub until it is well coated. Flip and coat the other side.

Heat 1 Tbsp oil in an oven-safe skillet over high heat. When the oil is very hot, add the steaks. Cook undisturbed until the seasoning starts to darken on the bottom, about 45 seconds. Flip the steaks and continue cooking until the other side has browned, another 45 seconds.

- **If you prefer your steak medium-rare**, transfer the skillet to the oven and cook 4 minutes. Remove to a plate and let rest for 5 minutes.
- **If you prefer your steak medium**, transfer the skillet to the oven and cook 5 to 6 minutes. Remove to a plate and let rest for 5 minutes.
- **If you prefer your steak medium-well or well done**, transfer the skillet to the oven and cook 7 to 8 minutes. Remove to a plate and let rest for 5 minutes.

## 4. Sauté the Asparagus

While the steaks are resting, wipe out the skillet and return it to the stove with 1 Tbsp olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the **Asparagus** with a sprinkle of salt and pepper and cook until it starts to char, about 3 to 4 minutes.

## 5. Put It All Together

Serve the steak alongside the au gratin sweet potatoes and sautéed asparagus. Enjoy!

*Test if the skillet is hot enough by holding your hand about 6 inches above the skillet. If you can feel serious heat, it's ready to go.*

Instructions for two servings.

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