Tips for Cooking with Turmeric

- This warm spice combines well with chicken, fish, eggs, curry, chutney, marinade, rice and pickles.
- Once ground, turmeric begins to loose flavor. Store in a dark place and replace when flavor begins to diminish.
- Excellent in tea and smoothies
- Add to soups, stews and sauces for color and flavor.
- Add to vegetables prior to roasting.
- Use the side of a spoon to scrape the skin off fresh turmeric roots.
- Slice, chop or grate fresh turmeric to use raw or cooked.

Tropical Carrot, Turmeric, and Ginger Smoothie

A pinch of salt makes everything taste better, including savory smoothies.

1 blood or naval orange, peel and white pith removed
1 large carrot, scrubbed, coarsely chopped
½ cup frozen mango chunks
2/3 cup coconut water
1 tablespoon shelled raw hemp seeds
¾ teaspoon finely grated peeled ginger
1 ½ teaspoons finely grated peeled turmeric
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Pinch of kosher salt

Using smoothie or ice crush setting, puree orange, carrot, mango, coconut water, hemp seeds, ginger, turmeric, cayenne, salt, and ½ cup ice in a blender until smooth. Yield: Makes about 2 cups.

— Claire Saffitz, Bon Appetit, January 2016

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Roasted Potatoes with North Indian Spices

3 1/2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
3 pounds small red potatoes, halved
(about 8 cups)
1 3/4 teaspoons black mustard seeds
6 dried red chiles
2 teaspoons minced peeled fresh ginger
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 jalapeno, seeded and minced
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 teaspoon Garam Masala
Cooking spray
1/2 cup fresh cilantro
1/2 cup chopped fresh mint
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
8 lime wedges

Preheat oven to 400°.

Combine 1 tablespoon oil and potatoes, tossing to coat. Set aside.

Heat remaining 2 1/2 tablespoons oil, mustard seeds, and chiles in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook 1 1/2 minutes or until seeds begin to pop. Reduce heat to medium-low. Add ginger, garlic, and jalapeno to pan; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add spice mixture to potatoes, tossing to coat.

Arrange potato mixture in a single layer in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 400° for 40 minutes or until potatoes are tender and browned, stirring every 10 minutes. Stir in cilantro, mint, and juice. Serve with lime wedges.

— Suvir Saran, Cooking Light, April 2008

Oven Roasted Cauliflower with Turmeric and Ginger

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon black mustard seeds
1 jalapeno, finely diced
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
1 teaspoon turmeric
1 head cauliflower, cut into florets
salt

Preheat oven to 425° F.
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Whisk together the oil, mustard seeds, jalapeno, ginger and turmeric in a small bowl.

Place cauliflower in a medium baking dish and toss with the flavored oil and season with salt. Roast until lightly golden brown and just tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot. Yield: 4 servings

— Bobby Flay, Food Network

South Indian-Style Vegetable Curry

This easy one-pot meatless main gets its complex flavor from a combination of spices including coriander, cumin, turmeric, cayenne, and cinnamon. The spices marry in a rich, flavorful sauce that has a comforting, belly-warming appeal.

2 tablespoons canola oil
1 large yellow onion, finely diced
4 medium cloves garlic, minced
1 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely grated (1 tablespoon)
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
3/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1 tablespoon tomato paste
2 cups lower-salt chicken broth or vegetable broth
1 cup light coconut milk
1 3-inch cinnamon stick
Fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 small cauliflower, broken into 1 1/2-inch florets (about 4 cups)
1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
2 medium tomatoes, cored, seeded, and coarsely chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
2 large carrots, peeled, and cut into 1/2-inch thick rounds (about 1 cup)
One 15 1/2 ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
4 ounce baby spinach (about 4 lightly packed cups)
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

In a 5 to 6-quart Dutch oven or other heavy-duty pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium (or medium low if necessary) and cook until the onion is richly browned, 5 to 7 minutes more. Add the garlic and ginger; cook, stirring, for 1 minute to blend the flavors. Add the coriander, cumin, turmeric, and cayenne; stir for 30 seconds to toast the spices. Add the tomato pasted and stir until well blended with the aromatics, about 1 minute.
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Add broth, coconut milk, cinnamon stick, 1 teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low or low and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add the cauliflower, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and carrots. Raise the heat to medium high and return to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low, cover, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Discard the cinnamon stick.

Stir in the chickpeas, spinach, lime juice, and zest; cook until the spinach has wilted, about 3 minutes more. Season to taste with salt. Serve garnished with cilantro.

Serving Suggestions
This curry only needs a basic brown rice or white basmati rice to be a complete meal.

— Ellie Krieger, Fine Cooking Issue 107