

POTATO PANCAKES (Reibekuchen)

▲ Base Recipe

Baked king-size to serve as a main dish or scaled down for main-dish accompaniments, potato pancakes are a beloved feature of German cuisine.

Combine

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon baking powder
⅓ teaspoon pepper

Set aside.

Wash, pare and finely grate

6 medium (about 2 lbs.) potatoes (about 3 cups, grated)

Set aside.

Heat in a heavy skillet over low heat

Fat (enough to make a layer 1/4 in. deep)

Combine the flour mixture with

2 eggs, well beaten

1 tablespoon grated onion

1 tablespoon minced parsley

Drain liquid that collects from grated potatoes; add potatoes to egg mixture and beat thoroughly with a spoon.

When fat is hot, spoon about 2 tablespoons of batter for each pancake into fat, leaving about 1 in. between pancakes. Cook over medium heat until golden brown and crisp on one side. Turn carefully and brown other side. Drain on absorbent paper.

Serve with Sauerbraten (page 180), or as a main dish accompanied by applesauce.

About 20 medium-size pancakes