



A kissing fondue makes for lively fun
**Friendly fondue
 for the New Year**

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The Swiss call fondue the friendship dish because each guest dips into a communal pot to retrieve a load of dripping, melted cheese to cover a chunk of bread. A great idea for a friendly, informal New Year's midnight supper.

Loose one of the pieces of bread in the cheese, and tradition demands that a woman must kiss her neighbor — and a man pay for the next round of wine.

Anyone inclined not to pay either penalty has only to remember to spear the bread chunk through the crust first to activate a kind of anchor on the bread.

The real joy of a cheese fondue is in the making. It's quickly mixed, keeping the cook away from the stove. Once it is in its ceramic pot (the caquelon), the only heat comes from the small burner underneath. When all the melted cheese has been wiped up with the bread, there's usually a scramble to see who can get the crusty line of cheese still sticking to the bottom of the pot.

There should be no problem with this metric recipe if you have the metric measuring cups. Buy the cheese by weight (grams), measure the flour by dry measure, and the wine and kirsch in a liquid measuring cup.

CHEESE FONDUE

- 454 g. Swiss cheese (Gruyere or Emmenthal)
- 45 mL flour
- 1 clove garlic
- 400 mL dry white wine
- 30 mL kirsch, sherry or brandy
- dash of nutmeg
- dash of pepper
- 2 leaves French bread

Grate the cheese and toss lightly with the flour. Rub the inside of the cooking pot with the clove of garlic. Pour in the wine and set over low heat until bubbles rise to the surface.

Add the grated cheese by the handfuls, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, allowing each handful to melt before adding the next. Add kirsch, sherry or brandy and the spices, stirring until blended.

Serve bubbling hot in the caquelon. Serves four to six.

**Make
 monsters**

MONSTER COOKIES

- 125 mL butter or margarine
- 125 mL peanut butter
- 250 mL brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 5 mL vanilla
- 200 mL wholewheat flour
- 50 mL wheat germ
- 2 mL salt
- 2 mL baking powder
- 2 mL baking soda
- 250 mL quick cooking rolled oats
- 250 mL raisins, chopped
- 50 mL sesame seeds

(for topping cookies)
 Cream the butter, peanut butter and sugar together until light. Beat in egg and vanilla. In another bowl stir flour, wheat germ, salt, baking powder and baking soda to blend.

Stir the dry ingredients into the creamed mixture, then add the rolled oats and raisins. Place a heaping tablespoon on an oiled cookie sheet and flatten evenly, using the back of the spoon. You should have a circle that is about 15 cms in diameter. Place only two cookies to each sheet. Sprinkle the cookies with sesame seeds.

Bake in a preheated 190 C (375 F) oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until done. Cool on the pan for five minutes before removing with a wide spatula to a cooling rack. Makes about 10 giant cookies.

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