

Serves: 4

Prep: 5 mins

Cooks in: 5-10 mins

## **Ingredients**

Cheese (all varieties)

2 shallots or 2 onions

2 bay leaves

3 cloves

1 - 1.25 pints milk

25g butter

25g flour

Tsp English mustard

#### Method

- 1 Peel and roughly chop the shallots.
- **2** Put the milk in a pan on a medium heat and add the chopped shallots, bay leaves and cloves.
- 3 Melt the butter in a second pan on a medium heat.
- **4** Add the flour into the butter and stir.
- **5** When the flour is fully mixed with the butter add a small amount of the milk and mix thoroughly.
- **6** Continue to add the milk in small quantities stirring continuously until you reach a sauce consistency.
- **7** Add grated cheese and season to taste.





## Chef's Tips

Use a whisk if the sauce starts to get a bit lumpy The cheese may thicken the sauce so you may want to add a little more milk

Add a teaspoon of English mustard to really bring out the flavour of the cheese!

## Why not..?

Use this white sauce in your next lasagne?

#### **Variations**

The basic white sauce is very versatile.
For example you could easily adapt it to make a:
Caper or parsley sauce – to serve with fish
(or in a fish pie)

Onion sauce – to serve with gammon

OR add it to cooked pasta with pancetta or tuna for a pasta bake - and its great too for macaroni and cauliflower cheese

# **\*** Freezer Advice

The basic sauce will keep in the fridge for a few days and is also suitable for freezing.



## **Vegetarian Options**

The basic sauce is suitable for vegetarians.



### Allergy Advice

Contains dairy and gluten. Dairy and gluten free sauce mixes are available and can be used for many similar recipes.

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