

Many Ways To Make Delicious Potatoes

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 for texture. (In fact, consider adding potato chunks for extra bulk in any soup or stew recipe to increase the comfort factor.) Topped with the typical baked potato fixin's, this soup boasts the boldness of a loaded baked potato.

Stuffed Potato Skins

One of the best things about this irresistible party food is its adaptability. This version features broccoli and avocado cream rather than the more typical bacon and sour cream. Don't feel limited by the given ingredients -- add favorite

seasonal vegetables or whatever is in the refrigerator. Anything from kale and onions to shredded chicken is guaranteed deliciousness when loaded into a potato skin and topped with cheese.

Hasselback Potatoes

Hasselback potatoes are the luxury version of a simple baked potato. Vertical cuts ensure both crisp and creamy textures and boost the satisfaction factor. Just slice and brush the potatoes with oil and/or butter; the rest is up to the cook. Herbs between the slices? How about shredded cheese or minced garlic?



baked potato becomes the perfect canvas for endless toppings: cheese, chili, sour cream, chives and bacon, coleslaw and hot sauce, corn and chickpeas, salsa and black beans, sautéed mushrooms and onions, or even brie and ham. Called kumpir in Turkey, a baked potato can be dressed with up to 15 different salads and condiments. Set out a variety of toppings for a fun, hands-on meal that lets diners express their culinary style.

French Fried Potatoes

Making fries is not difficult, but it is a process. In addition to potatoes, oil, and salt, a thermometer and a heavy pot for boiling and frying are necessary components. And substitute paper grocery bags for paper towels when draining the potatoes -- paper bags help fries stay crisper after a final fry. Serve with a variety of sauces or condiments, from the ubiquitous ketchup to an exotic chutney.

Whatever the choice, the textural variety livens up a meal.

Potato Waffles

Combining potatoes into waffle batter creates a hybrid dish that's the best of both. A recipe suggests topping the waffles with traditional baked potato toppings such as bacon and sour cream, but the range of options is unlimited. Other recipes for potato waffles, including one at

Serious Eats, start with leftover mashed potatoes, widening the world of waffles to the delight of brunch lovers everywhere.

Baked And Loaded Potatoes

Perhaps the simplest of all to prepare, the humble baked potato can be a side or main dish. Prick a few holes in a potato and place in a 350-degree oven until tender, usually an hour or so. A

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