# **Spiced Apple and Pear Mini Tarts**

## **Food for Thought**

#### Ingredients

- ½ sheet of ready to roll shortcrust pastry
- 1 apple & 1 pear (peeled)
- 30g soft brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 30ml water



#### **Method**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees/ gas mark 6.
- 2. Peel the pear and apple using a sharp vegetable knife or a peeler.
- 3. Cut up the apple and pear into bite sized pieces. Place in a pot and add the 30g soft brown sugar and 30ml water. Stir until all ingredients are incorporated.
- 4. Place on the hob on a medium heat and stir continuously. The apples and pears should be simmering in the sugar and water and eventually the fruit should go soft and mushy.
- 5. Place shortcrust pastry sheet on a floured table and use circle cutter to cut out shapes. Place these to the side.
- 6. Using a pastry brush, oil the bun tin all around the sides and bottom.
- 7. Place each circle of pastry at the bottom of each holder.
- 8. Place a tablespoon of the apple and pear mixture into the middle of the circle of pastry in the bun tin.
- 9. Place another circle of pastry on top of the mixture and press round the sides with a fork to seal it.
- 10. Brush with an egg glaze and place in the oven for 20 minutes.
- 11. Tidy up and do the dishes ☺.





# Homemade Vegetable Crisps & Sticks Food For Thought

### **Ingredients**

- 1 piece of beetroot (not pickled)
- 1 piece of carrot
- Potato peelings
- Oil
- Salt
- Pepper
- Seasoning (garlic, chilli, paprika or mixed herbs)



#### **Method**

- 1. Cut the carrot into sticks and thinly slice the beetroot.
- 2. Preheat oven to 180 degrees/ gas mark 5.
- 3. Oil a baking tray and place carrot sticks and beetroot onto the tray.
- 4. Peel potatoes and put the peelings on the baking tray. Place potatoes to the side.
- 5. Season the vegetables as you would like, please add salt and pepper at least to flavour the vegetables. Be generous! Add more oil to the vegetables and mix with a spoon to ensure all are coated.
- 6. Place in the oven to cook for 20 minutes.



