

GOOD TO FREEZE (the koftas, not the salad!)

INGREDIENTS

350g lean lamb mince
2 tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp ground cumin
4 spring onions, finely sliced
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
½ cucumber, roughly
chopped into big chunks
1 large tomato, roughly
chopped into big chunks
16 black olives
splash of sherry vinegar
small handful of mint leaves,
to serve – optional

LAMB KOFTAS WITH GREEK SALAD

This is a great summer dish and is brilliant on a barbecue. The fresh crispness of the salad cuts through the richness of the meat. If you want to change it up, beef mince works well with this recipe too.

METHOD

Preheat your grill to maximum.

Tip the lamb mince into a bowl. Add the cinnamon and cumin, spring onions, garlic and a generous pinch of salt and pepper, then mix the whole lot together thoroughly – I find the best way is to dig your hands in there.

Mould the mince mixture into 4 equal-sized sausage shapes and place on your grill pan or a baking tray. Grill the koftas for 5 minutes on each side or until well browned and cooked through.

Meanwhile, toss the cucumber, tomato, olives and vinegar together in a bowl.

Serve your koftas with this chunky salad – and an artistic scattering of mint leaves, if you like.

