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FRESH & CREAMY RICOTTA

Makes about 3 cups

Ingredients:

1/4 c fresh lemon juice 4 c whole milk 2 c cream 1/4 tsp kosher salt

Directions:

- 1. Combine cream, milk, and lemon juice in a medium saucepan on medium-high heat. Stir gently. You'll see some small immediate curdling occur.
- 2. Continue to stir gently as the steam begins to rise. Notice how more small curds begin to quickly form as the temperature reaches 150°F.

 Check temperature while stirring until it reaches 190°.
- 3. Remove from heat, and set timer for 10 minutes. The curds will continue to form into an oatmeal-like texture.
- 4. Pour gently into the colander lined with cheesecloth and let the whey strain from the curds for 10 minutes.
- 5. After the whey is drained, notice how the texture is beginning to resemble storebought ricotta. If a more crumbly texture instead of smooth texture is desired, let the whey drain for a few minutes longer.
- 6. Gently squeeze the cheesecloth into a ball releasing more of the watery whey.
- 7. Return the cheesecloth to the colander, and softly stir in the salt.