**Akaal Singh’s - Paneer Matar Recipe**

A pan of food on a stove

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**Ingredients:**

A block of paneer (200g)  
1 onion  
1 tin of tomatoes  
1 or 2 green chillies  
50 pence piece size of garlic  
1 tsp of turmeric powder\*  
1tsp salt\*  
Half a tsp of masala \*

\*For the last three, they’re rough estimates, I always eyeball it!

Also, we make our own masala, so if you buy it premade, then get a good quality one, because that can make or break the dish.

**Instructions:**

* Fry some finely chopped onions, alongside a piece of ginger (50p size) and add a green chilly (or more if you want a spicier dish).
* Cut the paneer into small chunks and add to the pan once the onions start to brown. Mix it in.
* Then add ¾ of the tomatoes into the pan, keep it separated from paneer and onions by pushing them to one side of the pan.
* You want to fry the tomatoes and let them concentrate a bit. Add a bit of water to the tomatoes if they become too dry. Repeat this a few times until the tomatoes become almost like a creamy texture.
* Don’t burn your paneer or onions. Keep moving them around, just don’t mix it in with the tomatoes yet.
* Once you feel like the tomatoes are at that stage, you can then mix it all together.
* Then add some salt, a little bit of masala (too much can ruin the dish), and add some haldi (turmeric powder) – I don’t know measurements, I just eyeball it, so whilst you’re cooking, taste it to see if it needs more of a seasoning.
* Add some water and mix it all together. Repeat this step until it’s looking creamy again and there is oil oozing out of the tomatoes.
* Penultimately, add some small peas (I use frozen peas), and mix it in.
* Finally, add some coriander on top, mix it in and feel free to add a bit more for aesthetic purposes.
* Serve with Roti, Naan bread or rice (or whatever floats your boat).

**Credit:** Mum’s Recipe