Ricotta and spinach pastries

Ingredients

- 1 bunch English spinach, leaves removed, washed and chopped
- 500g fresh ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- finely grated rind of 1 lemon
- puff pastry sheets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Equipment

- large saucepan or stockpot
- knives
- chopping boards

What to do

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly grease 2 baking trays. Cook spinach in a small saucepan of boiling salted water for 30 seconds or until just wilted. Drain and refresh under cold water. Drain well.
- 2. Squeeze all moisture from spinach. Place into a mixing bowl. Add ricotta, nuts, egg and lemon rind. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well to combine.
- 3. Place 1 sheet of puff pastry onto work surface. Cut into 4 equal squares.
- 4. Brush pastry lightly with oil. Place a tablespoon of spinach mixture in 1 corner of pastry and fold diagonally, creating a triangle. Continue folding, taking care to retain triangular shape. Brush pastry with olive oil. Place onto baking tray. Continue with remaining pastry and spinach filling.
- 5. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden and crisp.