FROM PATCH TO PLATE



Five Delicious Ways with...



FROM PATCH TO PLATE is Green Thumb Farm's recipe series that ticks all the boxes - with breakfast, lunch, dinner, lunchbox ideas, and snacks too!

From garden to plate, eating your 5 serves of veg every day is so easy. Job done. Tick ✓

This edition features Spring Onion – fresh, zesty, and bursting with vibrant flavour.



Spring Onion In a Nutshell

How to Enjoy!

- **Cooked:** Toss spring onions into stir-fries, grill them until charred and sweet, roast for a caramelised edge, or add at the end of steaming or microwaving for a fresh, mild bite.
 - **Tip**: Use the whole plant slice the white base for cooking and finely chop the green tops for a crisp, peppery garnish.
- Flavour Pairings: shines with garlic, ginger, chilli, sesame, soy, lemon, and miso.
- **Preserved:** Chop and freeze raw or lightly blanched pieces for instant flavour boosts in soups, stir-fries, omelettes, frittatas, or dumpling fillings.

Nutrition Highlights!

- Vitamin C → supports immunity and helps the body absorb iron
- Vitamin K → contributes to bone health and healing
- Folate → essential for cell repair and DNA synthesis
- **Fibre** → promotes gut health and healthy digestion

🌞 Fun Fact 🌞

Spring onions are actually the same plant as regular onions—just harvested earlier! If left to grow, their small white bulbs would eventually swell into full-sized onions.

Growing Conditions

- When to plant (subtropical): Autumn and Spring
- Time to sprout: 2-3 weeks
- Plant height: 75 cm overall, 45 cm of white stalk
- Time to harvest: ~2 months

Harvesting tips

- Pick spring onions when stems are firm and slender, about the thickness of a pencil, for the best flavour and crunch.
- Use clean scissors or secateurs to snip them low to the base, leaving roots intact to encourage regrowth.
- Harvest regularly to keep the plants producing tender, mild stems.

How to Store

- Keep unwashed spring onions in a paper or perforated plastic bag in the fridge crisper (moisture shortens their shelf life).
- Stays fresh and crisp for up to 1 week when stored properly.

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Ingredients

- 1 potato, grated and squeezed
- 2 spring onions, finely sliced
- 1 egg white
- · Salt, pepper
- Yoghurt + chilli oil to serve

- 1. Mix potato, spring onion, egg white, salt, and pepper.
- 2. Form into small patties and pan-fry in oil until crisp.
- 3. Serve with dollops of plain yoghurt and chilli oil drizzle.

Lunch: Charred Spring Onion Flatbread Wrap with Hummus & Greens

Prep: 10 mins | Cook: 8 mins | Serves: 1

Ingredients

- 3-4 whole spring onions
- 1 flatbread or wrap
- 2 tbsp hummus
- Mixed greens
- Olive oil, lemon juice, salt

- Grill or pan-sear whole spring onions until blistered and soft.
- 2. Spread hummus on flatbread, layer greens and spring onions, season and wrap.



Dinner: Korean-Inspired Spring Onion & Egg Pancake (Pa-Jeon)

Prep: 10 mins | Cook: 10 mins | Serves: 1 Pancake

Ingredients

- ½ cup chopped spring onions (use white + green parts)
- ¼ cup plain flour
- ¼ cup water
- 1 egg
- Soy sauce, vinegar & sesame oil dipping sauce

Directions

- 1. Mix flour, water, egg, and spring onions into a thin batter.
- 2. Pan-fry in oil until golden and crispy on both sides.
- 3. Serve sliced with dipping sauce.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ¼ cup grated cheese
- ¼ cup chopped spring onion
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- · Freshly cracked pepper

- Mix wet and dry ingredients separately, then combine.
- Divide into muffin tray and bake at 180°C for 20 min.

Lunchbox-Friendly: Spring Onion & Ginger Fried Rice Balls

Prep: 10 mins | Cook: 10 mins | Serves: 4-5 Balls

Ingredients

- 1 cup cooked cold rice
- 2 tbsp chopped spring onion
- ½ tsp grated ginger
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 egg (optional, for binding)
- Sesame seeds or furikake

- 1. Mix everything, form into compact balls.
- 2. Pan-fry until crisp on the outside.
- 3. Sprinkle with sesame seeds or furikake.



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Keep the Veggie Love Growing!

Thanks for joining us for this edition of FROM PATCH TO PLATE.

Eating local, seasonal veggies is just the start — there's so much more to discover at Green Thumb Farm!

- Explore our farm gate market every Saturday for fresh produce, herbs, and plants.
- Join our hands-on workshops or school programs to get your hands dirty and learn how to grow your own food.
- Sign up for our newsletter or follow us on social media for seasonal recipes, tips, and inspiration.

Eating your five serves of veggies is just the beginning — growing them and enjoying them together makes it even better!



Green Thumb Farm is a small-scale, community-focused farm in Samford Valley, Queensland, just 35 minutes from Brisbane's CBD.

Our Mission: To inspire people to grow food, compost, and rediscover the joy of seasonal, local food.

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