# Swedish Meatballs & Mushroom Gravy

with Mashed Potatoes & Lingonberry Jam

Swedish meatballs are a beloved mainstay of Scandinavian home cooking. Here, we're simmering them with cooked mushrooms and kale in a creamy gravy. And we're serving them with a traditional accompaniment: lingonberry jam. Its bright, sweet flavor is a fantastic counterpoint to the richness of the gravy as well as the savory, aromatic spices—including ground fennel and caraway seeds—in our meatballs.



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# **Ingredients**

- 1% Pounds Ground Pork
- 34 Cup Milk
- 6 Ounces Cremini Mushrooms
- 4 Cloves Garlic
- 2 Russet Potatoes
- 1 Bunch Lacinato Kale

#### **Knick Knacks**

- 3 Tablespoons All-Purpose Flour
- 2 Tablespoons Butter
- 1/4 Cup Lingonberry Jam
- 1/4 Cup Panko Breadcrumbs
- 1 Tablespoon Swedish Meatball Spice Blend

(Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, Ground Black Pepper, Ground Fennel Seeds, Dried Parsley Flakes, Ground Nutmeg & Ground Caraway Seeds)

Makes: 4 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 30-40 minutes





#### Prepare the ingredients:

Wash and dry the fresh produce. Heat a medium pot of salted water to boiling on high. Large dice the potatoes. Peel the garlic. Finely chop 1 garlic clove; using the flat side of your knife, smash until it resembles a paste (or use a zester). Finely chop the remaining garlic cloves. Thinly slice the mushrooms. Remove and discard the kale stems; roughly chop the leaves.



#### Cook & mash the potatoes:

Add the **potatoes** to the pot of boiling water and cook 14 to 16 minutes, or until tender when pierced with a fork. Drain thoroughly and return to the pot. Off the heat, add the **butter**. Using a fork, mash to your desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle with olive oil and set aside in a warm place.



#### Form & brown the meatballs:

While the potatoes cook, in a large bowl, combine the **ground pork** (removing and discarding the paper lining from the bottom), **breadcrumbs**, **chopped garlic** and **as much of the spice blend as you'd like**; season with salt and pepper. Gently mix until just combined. Using your hands, form the mixture into 18 to 20 equal-sized meatballs; transfer to a plate. In a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot. Add the meatballs and cook, turning occasionally, 4 to 6 minutes, or until browned on all sides. Leaving any browned bits (or fond) in the pan, transfer to a plate.



#### Make the mushroom gravy:

Add the **mushrooms** to the pan of reserved fond. (If the pan seems dry, add 1 teaspoon of olive oil.) Cook on medium-high, stirring occasionally, 6 to 8 minutes, or until browned and slightly softened; season with salt and pepper. Add the **garlic paste**, **flour** and **1 tablespoon of olive oil**; cook, stirring constantly, 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until golden brown and fragrant. Slowly whisk in the **milk** and ½ **cup of water** (be careful, as the liquid may splatter); cook, stirring frequently and scraping up any fond from the bottom of the pan, 1 to 2 minutes, or until thickened. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



## Add the kale & meatballs:

Add the **kale** and ½ **cup of water** to the pan; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 2 to 3 minutes, or until the kale has wilted. Add the **browned meatballs** and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes, or until thoroughly coated and cooked through. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



## Plate your dish:

Divide the **mashed potatoes** between 4 dishes. Top with the **cooked meatballs**, **kale and mushroom gravy**. Garnish with the **lingonberry jam**. Enjoy!