



The next point to consider is the size of the pan. You should always use a small pan, or a pan that is just large enough for the number of eggs that you are going to boil. This is to prevent the eggs from breaking, as they hit the other eggs or the sides of the pan during cooking.

Method

Fill the pan with enough water to cover the eggs and extra 2.5cm (1 inch) and add a teaspoon of salt. This will make peeling the egg easier once it has been cooked. Bring the water to boil.

While the water is heating up, take each egg and pierce the larger, rounder end with a pin. As the egg heats up during cooking, the air cell within the egg swells and can cause the egg-shell to crack due to the pressure. The pinprick in the end of the egg will allow the steam to escape instead of cracking the shell.

3. Once the water is gently boiling, carefully lower the eggs into the pan using a tablespoon. As the water reaches boiling point again, reduce the heat so that the water is simmering and begin timing. If eggs are cooked at

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temperatures that are too high, that will cause the egg white to toughen.

Cook the eggs for 4 minutes for a runny yolk and 6 minutes for a medium-boiled egg, where the yolk is only slightly runny.

As soon as the cooking time is up, remove the eggs from the boiling water and immerse them in a bowl of very cold water. This will stop the eggs from cooking in their own heat

and will prevent discolouration of the egg yolk that sometimes happens.

When the eggs have cooled slightly and you are able to pick them up without scalding your fingers, peel off that shell.

For hard boiled eggs

Place a single layer of 6 eggs in a steel pan.

Cover the eggs with cold water, to come about 3-cm above the eggs.

Bring to a boil, and then immediately cover the pot with a tight-fitting lid and remove entirely from flame.

Let the eggs sit for exactly 15-mins, then remove from the water.

Immerse the hot eggs in a bowl of ice water to prevent over cooking add more ice if it melts.

As soon as they are cool enough to handle, peel them. To peel, roll the shell in your hand under water. This will get water between the egg and the shell, and it will peel easily.

You will have perfect hard-boiled eggs without any trace of a green ring. The yolks will be tender and bright yellow.

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