

Individual Beef Wellington Recipe Jamie Oliver

The Allure of Individual Beef Wellington

Beef Wellington is a dish that commands attention. A tender fillet of beef, encased in a layer of rich mushroom duxelles, often with a smear of pâté or mustard, all wrapped in flaky, golden puff pastry. It is a centerpiece of fine dining, a classic that has intimidated home cooks for generations.

But what if you could — parcel, or for a special
capture all that weekend meal that

elegance and flavor in a perfectly portioned, single-serving package? That is exactly what the **Individual Beef Wellington Recipe Jamie Oliver** offers. Jamie Oliver, known for demystifying complex dishes, has created a version that is not only approachable but also incredibly satisfying. These mini Wellingtons are perfect for a dinner party where everyone gets their own golden

feels both luxurious and manageable. In this article, we will explore why this recipe works, break down the ingredients and techniques, and provide you with a complete guide to making individual Beef Wellingtons that rival any restaurant version.

Why Jamie Oliver's Individual Beef Wellington Stands Out

Traditional Beef Wellington can be a logistical challenge. A large fillet requires precise cooking times, and slicing can lead to uneven portions or a soggy pastry. Jamie Oliver's individual

version solves these problems elegantly. By using small, thick medallions of beef fillet, each portion cooks evenly and quickly. The pastry-to-filling ratio is optimized, ensuring every bite has a perfect crunch of pastry, a savory layer of mushroom duxelles, and a tender, rosy center of beef. Moreover, the recipe is designed for flexibility. Jamie often suggests variations like adding a touch of prosciutto or swapping the traditional pâté for a zesty mustard, making it easier to adapt to personal tastes or dietary needs. The result is a dish that feels celebratory but is entirely achievable for

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a cook of any skill level.

The Appeal of Single-Serve Presentation

There is something inherently charming about opening your own personal Wellington. It eliminates the awkwardness of slicing a large roast at the table and ensures that each guest receives an identical, beautifully presented portion. From a practical standpoint, individual Wellingtons are also easier to reheat if needed, and they freeze remarkably well. The individual beef Wellington recipe Jamie Oliver

popularized has become a go-to for

home cooks who want to impress without the stress of a large-format production. The compact size also means you can assemble them ahead of time and bake just before serving, giving you more time to enjoy your company.

Ingredients for Your Individual Beef Wellingtons

To make four individual Wellingtons, you will need the following components. The beauty of this recipe is that each element can be prepared in advance, and the assembly is straightforward.

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medallions,
each about
150-175g and
4-5 cm thick.
Look for
centre-cut fillet
for tenderness.

- **Puff pastry:** 500g all-butter puff pastry (shop-bought is fine, or make your own).
- **Mushroom duxelles:** 400g chestnut or cremini mushrooms, finely chopped; 2 shallots, 2 cloves garlic, fresh thyme, butter, salt, and pepper.
- **Prosciutto or Parma ham:** 8 slices (optional, but adds a wonderful savoury layer and helps

prevent soggy pastry).

- **English mustard or wholegrain mustard:** 2 tablespoons to brush on the seared beef.
- **Egg wash:** 1 egg beaten with a splash of milk, for glazing.
- **Salt and pepper:** For seasoning.
- **Oil and butter:** For searing the beef.

Choosing the Right Beef

For a successful **individual Beef Wellington** recipe **Jamie Oliver** style, the quality of the beef is paramount. Fillet steak (also called tenderloin) is the

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classic choice because it is incredibly tender and cooks quickly. Look for dry-aged beef if possible, as it will have a deeper flavour. The medallions should be cut from the thickest part of the fillet to ensure even cooking. If you cannot find pre-cut medallions, ask your butcher to cut them for you, or buy a whole fillet and portion it yourself. Allow the beef to come to room temperature for about 30 minutes before cooking.

Step-by-Step Preparation

Now, let us walk through the process. This recipe yields four individual Wellingtons.

each one a perfect balance of textures and flavours.

1. Prepare the Mushroom Duxelles

Duxelles is the heart of the Wellington's flavor. Finely chop the mushrooms—a food processor works well, but be careful not to over-process into a paste. In a large frying pan over medium heat, melt a knob of butter and a splash of olive oil. Add the chopped shallots and garlic, cooking until soft. Then add the mushrooms, a sprig of fresh thyme, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until all the moisture has evaporated and the mixture is dry and

concentrated. This usually takes 10-15 minutes. A dry duxelles is essential; any excess moisture will steam the pastry and make it soggy. Spread the duxelles on a plate to cool completely. You can make this a day ahead and refrigerate.

2. Sear the Beef

Season the beef medallions generously with salt and pepper. Heat a heavy-based frying pan with a little oil and butter until very hot. Sear the medallions for 1-2 minutes on each side until nicely browned, but still rare inside. Remember they will continue to cook in the oven. Once seared, transfer to a plate and brush all sides with a thin layer

of mustard. Let them cool completely. Do not skip the searing—this step builds a crust and locks in juices.

3. Assemble the Wellingtons

Lay a sheet of cling film on your work surface. Arrange two slices of prosciutto, slightly overlapping, to form a rectangle. Spread a quarter of the cooled duxelles over the prosciutto, leaving a border. Place a cooled beef medallion in the centre. Using the cling film, carefully lift the prosciutto and wrap it tightly around the beef, twisting the ends to form a neat parcel. Repeat for the remaining medallions. Refrigerate these

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parcels for at least 30 minutes—this helps them hold their shape.

4. Wrap in Puff Pastry

Roll out the puff pastry on a lightly floured surface to about 3mm thickness. Cut it into four squares large enough to enclose each prosciutto-wrapped medallion (about 15cm x 15cm each). Unwrap the beef parcels from the cling film and place each one in the centre of a pastry square. Brush the edges of the pastry with egg wash. Fold the pastry over the beef, pressing the edges to seal. Trim any excess pastry and crimp the edges with a fork. Place each

down on a baking tray lined with parchment. For a decorative touch, you can score the top lightly with a knife. Chill the assembled Wellingtons for another 20 minutes—this is crucial for a flaky crust.

5. Glaze and Bake

Preheat your oven to 200°C (400°F). Brush each Wellington generously with egg wash. If you like, you can sprinkle a little flaky sea salt on top. Bake for 20-25 minutes for medium-rare (internal temperature around 52-54°C). For medium, cook 25-28 minutes. The pastry

Wellington seam-side should be puffed and

golden. Let them rest for 5 minutes before serving. This allows the juices to settle.

Tips for Perfect Individual Beef Wellingtons

Mastering the **individual Beef Wellington recipe** **Jamie Oliver** style comes down to a few key details. Here are some pro tips:

- **Keep everything cold:** Chilled pastry and fillings ensure maximum flakiness. If the duxelles or beef is warm, it will melt the butter in the pastry.
- **Don't skimp on the drying**

of **mushrooms:**

Wet duxelles is the number one cause of soggy bottoms. Cook until it forms a paste that holds together.

- **Use a meat thermometer:** Because individual Wellingtons are thick, a probe thermometer is the best way to guarantee your preferred doneness without cutting into the pastry.
- **Make ahead:** You can assemble the Wellingtons up to the glazing stage a day in advance. Keep them covered in the fridge, then

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egg wash and
bake just before
serving.

or cumin to the
duxelles for a
subtle warmth.

- **Herb butter:**

Instead of
mustard, spread
a compound
butter made
with parsley,
tarragon, and
garlic on the
seared beef.

Variations to Try

Jamie Oliver is a great
advocate for
improvisation. Try
these twists on his
classic recipe:

- **Vegetarian
version:**

Replace the
beef with a thick
slice of roasted
portobello
mushroom or a
grilled
cauliflower
steak. The
duxelles and
prosciutto can
be omitted, but
add a layer of
brie or goat's
cheese for
richness.

- **Spiced crust:**

Add a pinch of
smoked paprika

Serving Suggestions and Wine Pairing

Individual Beef
Wellingtons are rich,
so pair them with
simple,
complementary sides.
A light green salad
with a lemon
vinaigrette cuts
through the pastry's
butteriness. Roasted

baby carrots or

steamed asparagus add colour and freshness. For a more substantial meal, serve with a silky potato purée (mashed potatoes) and a red wine jus.

Wine pairing: A classic Bordeaux or a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon matches the beef's richness. If you prefer white, a well-oaked Chardonnay can work, though red is traditional. For a non-alcoholic option, a tart pomegranate and cranberry spritzer provides acidity.

Nutritional Considerations

While this dish is undeniably indulgent, you can make small adjustments to lighten

it. Use a lean fillet, reduce the butter in the duxelles, and skip the prosciutto. The pastry is the main source of fat, but since these are individual portions, portion control is built-in. It is a celebratory meal, not an everyday dish—so enjoy it fully when you make it.

Conclusion

The **Individual Beef Wellington Recipe** **Jamie Oliver** has become a favourite for good reason. It transforms an intimidating classic into a practical, elegant, and deeply satisfying dish. By mastering the duxelles, the sear, and the pastry wrap, you can produce

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restaurant-quality texture, and results in your own presentation. So kitchen. Whether you gather your are hosting a dinner ingredients, embrace party or treating the process, and yourself to a special prepare to meal, these mini impress—your Wellingtons deliver on personal golden every level: taste, parcel awaits.