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Family Traditions: The Annual "Crespillos"

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<u>Dora del Hoyo</u> adopted the "crespillo" tradition when she began to take care of the house where St. Josemaria lived in Rome. The recipe is easy to follow and inexpensive, and makes for a tasty and original dessert for your family.

Ingredients

(serves 6 – 8 people):

- ¼ kilo fresh spinach leaves
- 200 grams self-raising flour
- 1 dessert-spoon sugar (10 g)
- 2 eggs (100g)
- 1.5 decilitres milk (150g)
- Sugar for sprinkling

Method

- Wash the spinach very well, and leave just 2 or 3 cm of stalk on each.
- Mix the flour and sugar in a bowl. Beat the eggs and milk together and then add them to the flour, whisking them hard to a smooth batter.
- Dry the spinach-leaves well, and coat them on both sides with the batter.

- Heat a pan of oil to about 1700 C and fry the leaves, several at a time, until a light golden brown.
- Drain them on some kitchenpaper and sprinkle with sugar.
- Cover with a white napkin and serve immediately.

Recipe from Alicia Bustos, *Cocina Inteligente*, Eunsa, Pamplona, 2004.

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