Tortilla Española

1 hour 30 min prep

- 1 cup olive oil
 - coarse salt (Kosher salt is coarse)
- 4 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced (mild one like the 1044 if available)
- 4 large eggs
 - 1. Use a large non stick pan for the first part of preparation and a 9" or 10" non stick pan for the final preparation.
 - 2. In large pan, layer potato, onion slices, olive oil and coarse salt to taste.
 - 3. Cook over medium heat, lifting and turning the potatoes/onion occasionally, until they are tender but not brown.
 - 4. Don't be afraid if they brown a little, you want them to be cooked.
 - 5. The potatoes will remain separated, not in a "cake".
 - 6. Meanwhile, in a large bowl beat the eggs with a fork until they are slightly foamy.
 - 7. Let stand until potatoes are done.
 - 8. Remove the potatoes from the skillet and drain them in a colander, reserving about 3 tablespoons of the oil.
 - 9. Add the drained potato/onions to the beaten eggs while the potatoes are still hot.
 - 10. Press the potatoes down into the eggs so they are completely covered.
 - 11. Let mixture stand for 15 minutes.
 - 12. Heat two tablespoons of the reserved oil in the 9" pan.
 - 13. Add the potato/egg mixture to the pan rapidly spreading evenly with a pancake turner.
 - 14. Move the pan around and shake once in a while to evenly brown the mixture and keep it from sticking.
 - 15. You can use the edge of the pancake turner (or a fork) as the mixture sets to form the sides to a more vertical orientation away from the sides of the pan.
 - 16. Once the mixture is brown (this is the tricky part) place a large plate upside down over the pan.
 - 17. Turn the pan upside down, add a little more of the reserved oil, then slide the uncooked side of the potato/eggs back into the pan.
 - 18. Continue cooking until browned.
 - 19. Flipping the tortilla two or three more times will help give it shape.
 - 20. Once cooked, allow to cool several hours and enjoy!
 - 21. Cut into one inch pieces and serve as appetizer with toothpicks.