



## RISHI DESAI

Rishi's journey into the culinary world began, as many do, as a young boy in his mother's kitchen, where he experimented with everything from making rock-solid cakes, to soggy Bhelpuri!

Rishi's studies took him to America, where he explored other international cuisines. Finally settling in Australia, Rishi discovered many of the authentic Asian flavours present across the country. Not to mention the amazing produce of Australia as well.

His experience on the 5th season of **MasterChef Australia** in 2013 saw the turning point in Rishi's love-affair with food. Not only has it made Rishi a better cook, but it also gave him his first taste of what it's like to be in front of a camera.

After being given the opportunity to refine his cooking style and learn new techniques as well learning from some of the best chefs in the world, Rishi was able to work in some of the best restaurants in the world, like **Oceana** in Dubai, **Green House** in Perth and **Atlantic** in Melbourne.

Since appearing on **MasterChef Australia**, Rishi has brought out his own cook book - '**Modern Indian**' in 2014 through New Holland Publications and had a regular spot on Channel Ten's '**Everyday Gourmet with Justine Scholfield**'. Recently, Rishi hosted his own television show, '**Stay Home Chef**', which aired in India on TLC. The show is aimed at creating easy recipes using everyday ingredients that showcase the best of Indian cuisine.



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In 2016 Rishi was approached by **Shan Spices** to become an Ambassador and spokesperson for the brand. He creates amazing recipes using their ingredients, which are then posted on his social channels as well as across multi media channels through Shan Spices across Canada, India, Australia and the UK.

Rishi makes regular appearances on radio - both here in Australia and in India and has a number of MC roles booked for corporate companies and food festivals around the country.

Rishi is also proud to partner with a number of charity organisations - including the Leukaemia Foundation, CEO Sleepout and ACT for Peace.

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