







Entertain
family and friends
this spring with
family style meals
featuring
Canadian turkey

# FAMILY-STYLE TURKEY BRAISE WITH POLENTA

SERVES: 8-10
PREP TIME: 30 MINS
COOK TIME: 2 HRS



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- · 3 lbs turkey, mix of breast and thighs
- · Salt and pepper to taste
- · 2 tsp olive oil
- · 2 cups onion, chopped
- · 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- · 2 tbsp tomato paste
- · 1 cup white wine
- · 2 cups turkey broth
- · 1 small bunch thyme
- · 2 branches rosemary
- · 1 package instant polenta

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven or stewing pan.
- 2. Season turkey with salt and pepper. Sear over medium to high heat until browned on all sides. Remove from pan.
- 3. Add onions and sauté over medium heat until lightly browned. Scrape up browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Add crushed garlic and stir to incorporate.
- 4. Add tomato paste and sauté for 1-2 minutes until cooked through.
- 5. Add turkey back to the pan.
- 6. Add wine, herbs and broth.
- 7. Bring to a very low simmer and cook for 1 1/2-2 hours until meat is falling off
- 8. Remove from heat, remove any bones and use a fork to shred the meat.
- 9. Prepare polenta according to package directions.
- Pour polenta onto a large platter, pour braised turkey generously over top and serve immediately.

#### PRO TIP:

This recipe makes a perfect centrepiece when entertaining a crowd. Make the turkey in advance and freeze until the day you need it. On the day of, just make the polenta, thaw turkey, heat and serve.

## SAUSAGE AND PISTACHIO STUFFED TURKEY BREAST ROAST

SERVES: PREP TIME: COOK TIME:

4 30 MINS 45 MINS



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

#### For turkey:

- 1 large boneless turkey breast, butterflied
- · 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp each salt, pepper and garlic powder
- · 8-12 leaves fresh sage

#### For stuffing:

- · 3 slices rye, diced
- · 1 sweet onion, diced
- · 2 turkey sausages
- · 3 tbsps chopped pistachios
- · 3 tbsp milk
- · 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- · Salt and pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Remove sausages from casing and sauté until cooked through. Set aside until cooled.
- 2. Pour milk over bread until absorbed. Let sit for 5 minutes.
- 3. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
- 4. Combine sausage, bread and the rest of the stuffing ingredients.
- 5. Spread out breast meat. Season with olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle with fresh sage leaves.
- 6. Spread stuffing evenly across meat.
- 7. Gently roll meat up into a roast. Tie to secure.
- 8. Season outside with salt and pepper.
- 9. Sear on medium-high heat until browned on all sides.
- Roast in the oven for 35-45 minutes until an instant read thermometer reaches 170 degrees.
- 11. Remove from the oven and rest for 20 minutes until cooled.
- 12. Slice and serve.

### PRO TIP:

Feeding a crowd? Double the recipe and make 2 of these up to 3 days in advance. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

## ONE-POT FRENCH FARMHOUSE TURKEY BRAISE

SERVES: 4-6
PREP TIME: 40 MINS
COOK TIME: 90 MINS



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- · 2 lbs turkey breast, cut into large chunks
- · 1/3 cup flour
- · 1 tbsp olive oil
- · 1 cup turkey broth
- · 1 cup white wine
- · 1/3 cup brandy
- · 2 medium onions, chopped
- 3 large cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 1 1/2 cups mushrooms, halved if large
- 1 1/2 cups baby potatoes, scrubbed
- · 3/4 cup frozen baby peas
- 3 large carrots, roughly chopped
- · 2 tbps tomato paste
- · 3 bay leaves
- · salt and pepper to taste
- · 1 tsp ground thyme
- · 1 tsp ground rosemary
- small bunch fresh thyme (8 sprigs)
- $\cdot$  2 branches fresh rosemary
- · 1 tbsp butter

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Season turkey with salt and pepper. Sprinkle lightly with flour.
- 2. Heat olive oil in a heavy non-stick pan. Brown turkey on all sides, 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from pan but leave drippings and brown bits.
- 3. Add chopped onions, garlic and tomato paste to same pan. Brown lightly, scraping up brown bits from the bottom of the pan, 2-3 minutes.
- 4. De-glaze with brandy, 1 min. (Take care that brandy could flare up. If so, just let flame burn off, about 30 secs.)
- 5. Add turkey and onion/garlic mixture to heavy pot or Dutch oven.
- 6. Take potatoes, mushrooms and carrots and season with salt, pepper, ground thyme, ground rosemary and olive oil.
- 7. Add to pot. Add bay leaves, stock and wine. Top with fresh thyme and rosemary.
- 8. Heat to a low simmer and cook for 1 1/2 hours until meat is fork tender.
- 9. Once ready, remove turkey, vegetables and bay leaves. Discard bay leaves.
- Add peas and butter to remaining liquid, stir until butter is melted and peas are cooked through. If you prefer a thicker sauce, add some cornstarch and mix until thickened.
- 11. To serve, assemble meat and vegetables on a platter topped with sauce and sprinkle with parsley.

#### PRO TIP:

This dish will wow the crowd at all your family gatherings. Make the dish ahead of time and keep gently heated in a slow cooker or crockpot for low maintenance, self serve dining.