

ITEM

Stuffed Turkey Roulade (Rolled and Stuffed)

YIELDS: 6 portions

INGREDIENTS

12 buns or 2 loaves, day old bread, diced into 2 inch cubes 1/2 cup dried apricots, diced ¹/₂ cup dried cranberries 16 oz frozen pork sausage, thawed and chopped up, or 10 breakfast sausages, diced 2 stalks of celery, diced finely 1 large onion, diced 4 tbsp butter 1 tsp salt $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp pepper $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped pecans $\frac{1}{2}$ c finely chopped sage $\frac{1}{2}$ c finely chopped parsley 3 cups chicken stock 1 large turkey breast (approx. 2 lbs), with skin on, boneless 2 tbsp olive oil kitchen string 2 tbsp flour or cornstarch 1/2 c cold water

METHOD:

For Stuffing:

- 1. Spread the croutons over a baking sheet and leave in the open overnight to dry them out thoroughly or dry in a 200F oven for 30 mins. Then place into a large bowl.
- 2. Soak the apricots and cranberries in warm water for 5 minutes then drain.
- 3. Cook sausage meat in very large frying pan, until the meat loses its pink colour.
- 4. Add the celery and onion and cook slowly for 5 minutes, pouring off any excess fat.
- 5. Add half of the butter, plus the salt, pepper, apricots, cranberries, nuts and herbs to the pan and cook over medium heat for 2 minutes.
- 6. Transfer the ingredients into the bowl of dried bread.
- 7. Pour 1 cup of chicken stock into the mix; the stock should be quickly absorbed by the bread. (If it is too loose add some more stock, if too wet add more bread.)
- 8. Mix the stuffing and taste, adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.
- 9. Stuffing can be refrigerated overnight if preparing in advance.



For Turkey Roulade:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- 2. Spread out the turkey breast (skin side down) on a cutting board and score the meat in the thickest part of the breast but only in the thickest parts and only half way through the meat.
- 3. Cover meat with food wrap, and use a meat tenderizer to flatten meat to ¹/₂ inch thickness. If you don't have a meat tenderizer, you can smack it with the edge of a clean pot.
- 4. Remove the food wrap and assemble meat into a rectangular formation.
- 5. Sprinkle salt and pepper lightly on meat.
- 6. Carefully place the stuffing in a row along one of the longer edges of the meat leaving about 2 inches of space along the edge.
- 7. Keep the stuffing together as much as possible as you roll the meat into a tight roll, skin side out.
- 8. Tie kitchen string around the roll to keep it firmly together and place in a greased baking pan. Spread olive oil on the roulade with a pastry brush.
- 9. Bake for 1 ½ to 2 hours, uncovered, or until meat reaches a temperature of 165 F, basting from time to time.
- 10. If making a gravy, deglaze the pan using up the rest of the stock and add a mix of flour or cornstarch and water to thicken. Cook slowly for 5 minutes.
- 11. Remove the string and slice to serve the roulade with gravy.