Serves: 8 people (dep on turkey size)

Preparation: 30 minutes

Cooking time: 3-4 hours (dep on turkey size)

Level: Even I can do this



ROAST TURKEY WITH 'CAN'T STOP STUFFING'

Pork, fennel, orange & pine nut

We call it 'Cant Stop Stuffing' because it's a bit like that.



Ingredients

- 1 whole Freshwater heritage turkey
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 500 ml Feather and Bone chook broth
- 16 slices of Feather and Bone pancetta (optional)

Can't Stop Stuffing ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil (roast them in the oven at 150 degrees until they're golden brown)
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 3 or 4 pork and fennel sausages (app 400 gm), skinned
- 320 gm coarse breadcrumbs
- 1/2 orange, freshly grated rind only
- 1 tbsp each of finely chopped thyme and sage
- half a cup of pine nuts

Roast vegetables

Roast vegetables in the delicious, turkey roasting juices of the pan. Prep wedges of potato, fennel, green olives, bay leaves and thyme sprigs and toss them into the pan under the turkey in the last hour or so of cooking.

Method

- Preheat your oven to 180 C. Every oven's different, but, as a rough guide for your cooking time, allow about 25 minutes per kg of whole turkey. The trick to success here is vigilant, half-hourly basting with the pan juices to give you gorgeous, crispy skin and help prevent the breast drying out.
- Remove turkey neck, rinse bird inside and out, pat dry with paper towel and allow to come to room temperature.
- Heat olive oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and fennel seeds and cook until onion is soft and starting to colour (8-10 minutes). Transfer the mix to a large mixing bowl to cool. Add remaining stuffing ingredients, mix well to combine and season with sea salt and freshly ground pepper.
- Stuff cavity of turkey and pocket of neck with stuffing mix. Tie legs securely with kitchen string and tuck wings behind turkey shoulders. (At this point, you might choose to lay the pancetta strips diagonally across each side of the breast so the ends overlay in the centre. Stops the breast drying out.) Rub the skin all over with olive oil and sprinkle with salt.
- Pour the chicken stock into a large roasting pan (you could add a splosh of white wine too), place your turkey on a wire rack inside the pan and pop into the oven.
- After half an hour, raise the heat to 195. Half an hour later, lower the heat back down to 185. For the last half hour of cooking, lower the heat to 170.
- Every half an hour throughout the cooking, baste the turkey thoroughly with the pan juices and rotate the pan for an even result.
- Remove from the oven, cover with foil, rest for 10 minutes.