Swedish Meatballs

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Ingredients:

1/4 c. fine dry bread crumbs

1/4 c. skim milk

1.5 lbs lean ground meat (combination of lean ground turkey, beef and pork* (see note)

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. allspice

2 T. dehydrated onion (or 2 T. fresh onions)

1 egg, beaten

1 T butter or olive oil (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Mix breadcrumbs and water in small bowl and set aside for 5 minutes.
- 2. Work together the ground meat salt, all spice and onion. Gradually add breadcrumbs mixture and then the egg. (I use my hands).
- 3. Shape into balls. (I use a 1" cookie scoop.) Heat butter/oil in a skillet (or just add the meatballs straight to the pan -- they usually don't stick too badly). (*If your meat is not very lean, then you don't need the extra butter or oil when frying.*) Don't overcrowd the pan, or your meatballs will break.
- 4. Fry meatballs in batches over moderate heat until beautifully browned and cooked through.

Serve with steamed red potatoes or mashed potatoes. Top with IKEA cream gravy or use a brown gravy mix. Also delicious with sweet and tangy IKEA lingonberry preserves.

Notes:

*I usually buy one package (1 lb.) ground pork and divide it into four ziploc bags. Each time I make meatballs, I use one bag of ground pork and then how ever much more ground turkey or beef I want (depending on how many meatballs I want to make). My meatballs usually have a little ground pork, turkey, and beef in them.