Braised Turkey Breast

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INGREDIENTS

- 4 to 6 pound bone-in turkey breast, thawed
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, cut into chunks
- 2 large ribs celery, cut into chunks
- 2 carrots, cut into chunks
- 2 large garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 large lemon, sliced
- 1 sprig thyme (or 1/4 teaspoon dried)
- 1 sprig rosemary (or 1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 4 cups chicken stock or broth (or plain water)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon water

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Press down to crack or remove breast and rib bones on turkey breast, if necessary to fit pot.
- 3. Heat oil, season turkey on all sides with salt and pepper, brown in oil; remove and set aside.
- 4. Add a splash of the stock or water to the pot, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the pot, then add remaining stock, vegetables and herbs.
- 5. Put breast on top of vegetables or on a rack over the vegetables if there is room.
- 6. Cook until internal temperature reaches 165 degree F in the thickest part of the breast, about 1 hour, depending on size of breast.
- 7. Carefully remove the turkey breast and set aside, tenting loosely with foil to keep warm.
- 8. Strain pan juices, spooning off fat or use a fat separator, remove and discard solids, and return juices to the pot.
- 9. Bring to a boil, blend together cornstarch and water and slowly stir in cornstarch slurry. Boil for 2 minutes or until thickened. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed.

NOTES

I used my Ninja Cooking System cooker (affil link), set to oven at 375 degrees F. The new Ninja Foodi Possible cooker or any multicooker would also be a great choice.

For the Slow Cooker: Prepare as above, except reduce chicken stock to 1-1/2 cups. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 6 hours, depending on size of breast, or until an internal temperature of 165 degrees F is reached. Let rest for 10 minutes before slicing. If you wish to brown the turkey breast, carefully remove and transfer to a rimmed, aluminum foil covered baking sheet. Preheat broiler and place turkey under the broiler until golden brown, watching carefully.

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