YIELD: 4 PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 30 MINUTES

BAKED PORK CHOPS WITH APPLES, CHEDDAR, AND MAPLE

These easy Baked Pork Chops go into the oven with apples, maple and a crunchy cheddar and breadcrumb crust for a quick dinner that's perfect for fall and winter weeknights but is special enough (and delicious enough!) to make for quests too.

INGREDIENTS:

- olive oil
- 25g panko (Japanese-style) bread crumbs
- 1 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- salt
- · coarse black pepper
- 1 SnapDragon Apple, cored and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 1 tsp. cider vinegar
- 4 boneless pork loin chops, 3/4 inches thick (approx: 1 and 1/2 lbs.)

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 205° C Grease a large baking sheet with ½ teaspoon of olive oil.
- 2. In a medium bowl combine the bread crumbs, cheese, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and 2 teaspoons olive oil. Use fingers to rub ingredients together until the bits of cheese are the size as the breadcrumbs.
- 3. In a separate bowl combine apples, maple syrup, cider vinegar and ½ teaspoon of salt. Sprinkle both sides of pork chops lightly with salt and pepper. Arrange on prepared baking sheet. Top each with ¼ of the apples in a single layer and then with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the breadcrumb mixture.
- 4. Bake until crumbs are golden brown and pork chops are at desired doneness, 20-25 minutes.



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