

Pork Chops and Pears

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Servings: 5

Amount	Ingredient
1 pound	pork chops, trimmed
1 tablespoon	oil
pinch	pepper
1 can	can of pear halves
1/4 cup	orange juice
1/4 cup	brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon	cinnamon
1/2 cup	pear juice from can
2 tablespoons	butter, cut into small pieces
2 tablespoons	cornstarch
2 tablespoons	water

- preheat oven to 350
- brown pork chops in oil; transfer to 9x13 pan and sprinkle with pepper
- deglaze skillet; pour over pork chops
- add pears to pan; place a chunk of butter in the center of each pear half
- drizzle oj over all; sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon; pour pear juice over all, trying not to wash away the cinnamon/brown sugar
- cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 for 20 minutes; uncover and bake an additional 20 minutes
- remove from oven and plate the pork chops and pears; pour pan drippings into sauce pan
- mix cornstarch and water; pour into saucepan, stirring constantly; cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened