



Pork Chop with Candied Walnut Butter

and Parmesan-roasted acorn squash

(i) You will need

Olive Oil, Salt, Pepper, Cooking Spray Baking Sheet, Small Non-Stick Pan, Medium Non-Stick Pan, Mixing Bowl

Before you cook

Take a minute to read through the recipe before you start-we promise it will be time well spent!

- ☐ Preheat oven to **400 degrees**
- ☐ Set **butter** on counter to soften
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry
- ☐ Prepare a baking sheet with foil and cooking spray
- ☐ Ingredient(s) used more than once: parsley



Prepare the Ingredients

- Carefully cut acorn squash in half from pole to pole. Use a spoon to scoop out strings and seeds. Cut halves into 1/2" slices.
- Coarsely chop walnuts.
- Stem and mince parsley.
- Pat pork chops dry, and season both sides with ½ tsp. salt and a pinch of **pepper**.



Roast the Squash

- Place acorn squash slices on prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tsp. olive oil and season with ½ tsp. salt. Massage oil into squash and spread into a single layer.
- Sprinkle squash with **Parmesan** and roast in hot oven until tender and lightly browned, 18-23 minutes.
- Sprinkle roasted acorn squash with cracked black pepper.
- While squash roasts, make candied walnuts.



Make the Candied Walnuts

- Place a small non-stick pan over medium heat.
- Add **sugar** and 2 Tbsp. **water** to hot pan and stir until dissolved.
- Add walnuts and stir constantly until water has evaporated and walnuts are shiny and sticky, 2-3 minutes.
- Transfer to a plate or cutting board and cool, 5 minutes.
- When walnuts are cool enough to handle, break into small pieces.



Cook the Pork Chops

- Place a medium non-stick pan over medium-high heat.
- Add 1 tsp. **olive oil** and **pork chops** to hot pan. Cook until golden brown and chops reach a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees, 5-7 minutes per side.
- Remove pork chops to a plate and rest at least 5 minutes.



Make the Candied Walnut Butter

- In a mixing bowl, stir softened butter, candied walnuts, and half the parsley (reserve remaining for garnish) until wellcombined.
- Plate dish as pictured on front of card, topping **pork chop** with butter and garnishing **acorn squash** with remaining parsley. Bon appétit!