

Crock Pot Creamy Potato Soup



Today was the first day that actually felt like fall. I don't mean like a specialty coffee... I mean hooded sweatshirts, warm blankets, steamy bowls of soup and the sound of rustling leaves. And if you are lucky, you can enjoy all of those things at the same time.

Tonight's Crock Pot Creamy Potato Soup made me think of Friday night football games in high school. And cold walks on first dates. And craving ice cream on a cold winter's night. It's like everything that it supposed to feel cold on the outside, but makes you feel warm on the inside. That's how satisfying this soup tastes.

So I've already posted another version of [Crock Pot Potato Soup](#) already, but I like this one because it includes more vegetables. I've also posted [Crock Pot Parsnip and Potato Soup](#) because parsnip is my second favorite root vegetable. (*Bonus points if you know what my favorite is!*) I also have [Crock Pot Sweet Potato and Corn Chowder](#), if you prefer the orange to the white. I'm sensing a theme here! I do love potato soup and each recipe is tweaked a little different. I feel like tonight's Crock Pot Creamy Potato Soup is actually a culmination of my favorite things from each of these recipes... but I encourage you to mess around and figure out what your palate prefers with your potatoes.

Crock Pot Creamy Potato Soup

Serves 6-8

6 redskin potatoes, cubed but not peeled

3 parsnips, peeled and cubed

1 c. shredded carrots

4 stalks celery, sliced

1/2 sweet onion, diced

1 12 oz. can cream corn

4 cups vegetable broth

1 t. garlic powder

1/2 t. dried dill weed

1 t. dried basil leaves

up to 1 t. salt (can be added at the end, a little at a time, for flavor)

1 c. cold milk

2 rounded T. corn starch

Clean and prep all vegetables and add to the pot. Add broth and seasonings and give it all a good stir. Do not add milk or corn starch yet. Cook on low for 6 hours. Add corn starch to milk and dissolve, then add to the pot. Cook on high for one additional hour. Remove lid and let soup thicken a little bit before serving.

Crock Pot Pulled Pork Tenderloin

Fall is almost here... Starbucks is already is serving up pumpkin spice lattes and football seasons have officially started, that means the weather should start to cool off, even here in the South, and the leaves should start to change.



I love making pulled pork, but everyone likes their BBQ sauce a little different, usually depending where you live. [THIS ONE IS MY FAVORITE.](#) Some like it sweet and smoky, some like it vinegar-based, and others (like my kids) just want to top every kind of meat with ketchup. Yes, that actually happens in my house, but at least they are eating protein, right?!

So this recipe is a great SIMPLE way to make pulled pork in the crock pot and then you can decorate it however the hell you want! It's a great meal for football parties, tailgates, birthday parties, and all other fall festivities. Throw it in before you go pick that perfectly round pumpkin. Decorate your table with pretty leaves and then serve a bowl of this deliciousness for the table of fall fans to devour. I don't care how you eat it, it's easy to make and easy to eat. Isn't that the point?!

You won't believe that this is only three ingredients. Here's

the catch– not all crockpots cook at the same temperature, so watch the meat the first time you make this and don't let it dry out. Your meat will release enough juices to let it cook low and slow without any excess. But if your cooker is too hot, it will scorch the meat and dry it out. Don't do that. ONLY COOK THIS RECIPE ON LOW. LOW, I SAY!

Happy Fall. Yay Football! Pass that caffeinated cup of fake gourd goodness.

Crock Pot Pulled Pork Tenderloin

Serves 4-6

1.5 lb pork tenderloin (a little more or less is ok too)

1 large gala apple, sliced into 1/3 inch strips, skins left on

1/2 sweet onion, sliced the same thickness as the apples



After cooking for 6 hours on LOW, use two forks to easily shred the meat.

Put all ingredients in crock pot. Cook on low for 6 hours. ONLY ON LOW. Then, using two forks, shred the meat in the crockpot and stir the apples and onions throughout. Top with your favorite BBQ sauce and serve on squishy white bread buns accompanied by bread and butter pickles or coleslaw.

Crock Pot Back To School Breakfasts



This dish is an easy overnight breakfast for those early weekday mornings.

We are almost a month into school, some of you are just starting out post-Labor Day, and I'm pretty sure we can all agree that mornings are rough! (BTW- If I have to see one more picture on social media of some super mom decorating chalkboard coated cookie sheets announcing the new grade and "what I want to be when I grow up", I'm seriously going to get one of those old school bumper stickers that said "my kid beat up your honor student".)

Sorry about that rant, I digress easily... back to the recipes! I celebrate my crock pot by cooking breakfast overnight so that in the morning, I can just scoop up a bowl of goodness or

maybe throw it into a thermos for a hot lunch at school. It's even easier to manage than pouring a bowl of cereal and remembering to buy milk.

Here are a few ideas to try to alleviate the stress from your morning routine. Let's not be ugly before coffee and the school bus arrive!

[Crock Pot Cherry Pie Oatmeal](#)

[Crock Pot Purple Oatmeal](#)

[Crock Pot Fruity Oatmeal](#)

[Crock Pot Escalloped Apples](#)

[Crock Pot Grits](#)

[Crock Pot Blueberry Cobbler](#)

Crock Pot Tapioca Pudding

What are your favorite ways to make it through the school morning routine??

[Crock Pot Short Ribs](#)



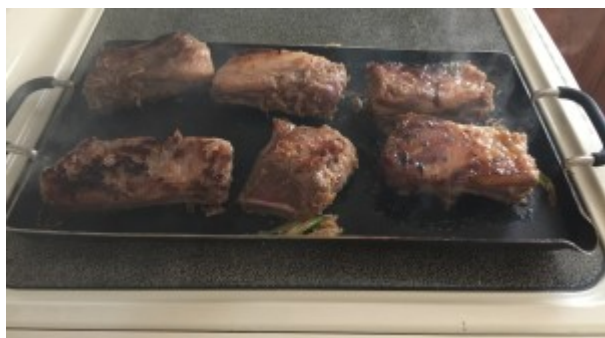
OK fans, THIS should be your new favorite holiday dish. I don't care what you celebrate, we all celebrate deliciousness. There's a little prep work involved, but it is worth every juicy morsel. I am making this dish for the upcoming Jewish New Year... and perhaps Halloween. Thanksgiving. Christmas. And an early happy Valentine's Day to me.

Since the beef is the focal point of the entire meal, I wanted to make sure I had quality beef and plenty of it. I bought six short ribs equally just over three pounds. That sounds like a lot, but you have to take into account the bones. We each ate two ribs at dinner. You can adjust the serving size as needed. I served my meat with green beans tonight and that's eat. I mean, it. I'm still thinking about eating those short ribs!

Marinating the meat is essential to get the flavors going and the apples to break down and tenderize the beef. I soaked mine for 24 hours— you could do as little as 6-8 hours, but I wouldn't go much more than a full day.



I first tried to fit everything into a gallon size bag, but that was a futile effort. You could use a bowl or storage container. I like to keep these [HUGE bags](#) on hand exactly for this type of need. Whatever you use needs to fit back into the refrigerator, don't forget that detail!



Crock Pot Short Ribs is one of the only recipes where I braise the meat before I put it into the crockpot. The flash of heat helps caramelize the flavors quickly and seal in the juices. It's worth the extra step, trust

me! It's also necessary in my house to open the windows or disarm the smoke detector when braising. Something about that quick heat and sugar causes some excess "fog" in the air—that's what my kids call it, cooking "fog"!



When you are braising the meat, make sure you save the juices and marinade from the bag or container— that goodness goes straight into the crock pot. Do not dump it out! Once the meat is done braising, you just gently place the meat on top of the sauciness and let it

continue its cooking all together.

Yes, there are more steps to this dish, but the end result is soft and juicy and smiles all around. And isn't that the point of holiday meals?!

Happy everything to you. I hope you enjoy this dish and everything you celebrate throughout the year.

Crock Pot Short Ribs

Serves 3 (Double or triple the recipe as needed!)

3 lbs beef short ribs, bone IN

1 c. shredded sweet onion

2 medium gala apples, shredded (skin on)

1 inch fresh ginger, peeled and then shredded

8 cloves garlic, whole

5 stalks green onion, cut the greens only into 2 inch strips

1/2 c. soy sauce

1/4 c. Mirin or rice wine

3 T. sesame oil

3 T. honey

1/4 c. sugar

Begin by shredding onions, apples and ginger and put into [large bag](#) or bowl. Add garlic cloves and green onions. Add remaining ingredients (except ribs) and combine well. Add beef short ribs and massage marinate onto all sides of meat. Cover bowl tightly or seal bag and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When you are ready to proceed, remove ribs from marinate



and put everything else into the crock pot. Heat pan on high and then braise all sides of short ribs quickly, but do not cook through. Add ribs to mixture already in crock pot, cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 4-6 hours.

The meat will pull away from bones when it is soft and ready. Serve bone-in with extra juice. The whole cloves of garlic will taste amazing- do not throw them out- spread them on

bread or eat like candy!