Pork Carnitas



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Serves 6-8

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 4 hours 0 minutes

Ingredients

- __2-1/2 lb Piece of Pork Shoulder, trimmed of as much fat as possible
- __1-1/2 Tbsp of Vegetable Oil
- __Salt and Pepper, to taste
- __4 Cloves of Garlic, minced
- __Juice of 1 Orange
- __1 tsp of Chili Powder
- __2 tsp of Dried Onion Flakes
- __1 tsp of Oregano
- __1 tsp of Cumin

- 1) Add the oil in heavy duty pot (use a pot that's big enough to hold everything but not too big otherwise the liquid will evaporate too quickly) allow it to get nice and hot over medium high heat.
- 2) Season the pork well with some salt and pepper all over, sear it on all sides to develop some color, remove it to a plate, discard any fat left in the bottom of the pot.



- 3) Add the pork back in the pot, in a small bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup of water, the orange juice, garlic, chili powder, onion flakes, oregano and cumin, pour the mixture over the pork, bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover with a lid and cook for about 3 hours or until the pork is tender.
- 4) After 3 hours, remove the lid and cook for an additional 20 minutes or so or until the liquid has evaporated quite a bit.
- 5) Shred the pork using 2 forks (or your hands) then add it back in the same pot and cook it over medium high heat to crisp it up a bit. If your pot is a little too dry, add a touch of vegetable oil to prevent anything from sticking.

Serve as you wish!