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## Smoky Shredded Pork Tacos – Traditional and Classic Mexican Cooking

Shredded pork makes the perfect classic Mexican taco. This authentic recipe makes tacos that are steamed, delicious, and as tender as can be.

This Mexican pork tacos recipe calls for the pork to be shredded, and not ground. Not only can you use this feeling for tacos, but it works great in enchiladas or tamales. All of these ingredients can be found in supermarkets everywhere, and the results lead to authentic Mexican food results.

### Mexican Smoky Shredded Pork Tacos

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds pork butt, cut into large cubes
- 5 garlic cloves, 2 minced and 3 left whole with skins on
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds ripe tomatoes
- 3 chipotle chiles, from canned in adobo sauce

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1/2 cup slivered almonds  
2 1/2 tablespoons lard  
Salt to taste  
Ground pepper to taste  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/2 cup raisins  
20 corn tortillas  
1/2 cup crumbled Mexican queso blanco, or Monterrey Jack cheese

#### Directions:

Place the pork, the chopped garlic, and half the onion in a 3-quart saucepan, and cover with salted water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Skim the foam off the top, then reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, for about 1 1/2 hours, until fork tender. Cool the meat in the liquid, then remove and shred using a fork.

Heat an ungreased skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the whole garlic cloves until soft, or about 10-15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove the garlic and set aside.

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Preheat the broiler, and arrange the tomatoes in a broiling pan. Roast about 4 inches under the broiler heat until the skin blackens, or about 6 minutes. Turn the tomatoes over and roast for another 4 minutes. Remove the tomatoes and set aside.

Now place the almonds under the broiler, on another smaller metal tray, until they are lightly browned, or 1 to 2 minutes. Set them aside. Once the tomatoes are cool, peel them, and collect all the juice in the pan. Place the tomatoes in a food processor or blender, and pulse with the canned chipotle peppers and soft garlic. Look for a medium-fine puree.

In a heavy 3-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, melt 1 tablespoon of the lard over medium-high heat. Add the tomato puree, and cook until thicker, or about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Turn the heat off, season with salt, and set aside.

In a 12-inch skillet, heat the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons of lard over medium-high heat. Once it starts to smoke, add the shredded pork and the rest of the onion. Cook until the pork is crispy and golden in color (12-14 minutes), stirring frequently and scraping up any brown bits. Sprinkle with the pepper, cinnamon, cloves, and raisins. Pour in the tomato

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puree. Reduce the heat to low, and simmer until all of the liquid has evaporated (about 5 minutes), stirring occasionally. Add the almond slivers to the pork.

Wrap the corn tortillas in a kitchen towel, and place them in a steamer with 2 inches of water in the bottom. Bring to a boil, then turn it off and let it the tortillas sit for about 10 minutes.

To serve these pork tacos, hold a tortilla in your hand and fill it with cheese and shredded meat. Top with salsa if you like.

This authentic shredded pork tacos recipe makes 4 servings.

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## Cooking Recipes – How to Make Mexican Style Chili and Baked Meat Manicotti

People who really love to cook will always look for new recipes for them to try out. When it comes to spicy food, the Mexican Style Chili surpasses any other spicy food as this is definitely palatable. Like this spicy recipe, the Baked Meat Manicotti is truly delectable. So have your Rachael Ray cookware set on a table and enjoy doing these recipes yourself.

Mexican Style Chili Ingredients:

14-ounce dry kidney beans 398ml  
One-fourth pound salt pork, diced 115 grams  
Three cloves garlic, minced 3 cloves  
Two large onions, chopped 2 large  
1 pound lean beef, diced 450 grams  
1 pound lean pork, diced (shoulder is good) 450 grams  
14-ounce can tomato sauce 398ml can  
3 tablespoon chili powder 45ml  
2 teaspoon salt 10ml

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One-fourth teaspoon pepper 1ml

One-half teaspoon dried leaf oregano 2ml

Pinch cumin tomato juice pinch

Procedure:

At first, you need to wash and look over the beans. Then have them soaked in six cups (1.5ml) cold water overnight (or you can simply follow the package directions). Afterward, you drain its water.

Next, you need to cook the salted pork in a large skillet or Dutch oven until it becomes very crispy. Then add up the garlic and the onions, and then cook and stir it until it becomes limp. After that, you have to add the beef and the pork bits, and then cook them gently until it becomes lightly browned. Keep on stirring it. Subsequently, you have to stir in all the remaining ingredients except the tomato juice. Then cover it tightly and simmer it for one and a half or until the meat and the beans becomes very tender. Then you add up the tomato juice a bit at a time if the pan appears to be dry. Remember that chili should be moist but not wet when cooking is finished. Often, you need to taste it and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

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(Note: I like to make my chili in a large buffet-size electric skillet. When I use it, I have found out that I need to add up quite a bit of liquid during cooking-up to a full nineteen-ounce can tomato juice.)

#### Baked Meat Manicotti Ingredients

One tablespoon olive oil 15ml

One large onion, chopped 1 large

Two cloves garlic, minced 2 cloves

Twenty eight-ounce can tomatoes 796-ml can

Five one-half-ounce can tomato paste 156-ml can

One envelop spaghetti sauce mix 1envelop

One-half cup water 125ml

Eight manicotti shells (see note) 8

One-half lb spinach (approx.) 250grams

1tablespoon olive oil 15ml

Three-fourth lb ground beef 350ml

One-fourth finely chopped green pepper 60ml

Four ounce mozzarella cheese, cut in very small cubes 115grams

One egg, lightly beaten 1

One-fourth cup grated parmesan cheese 60ml

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Procedure:

At the outset, you have to heat one tablespoon (15ml) olive oil in a medium Rachael Ray saucepan. Then, you add the onion and the garlic and cook them gently within five minutes. Keep on stirring it. Next, you add the tomatoes, the tomato paste, the spaghetti sauce, and then mix them with water. Keep in mind that you have to break up any large pieces of tomato. Bring it to a boil, and then you turn down the heat, cover and simmer it within twenty minutes.

Subsequently, you have to cook the manicotti shells in boiling salted water for about seven minutes. Then you need to drain it. Afterward, you have to remove the stems from the spinach and wash the leaves, and then add enough water to make two cups. Next, you heat the one tablespoon (15ml) oil in skillet. Consequently, you add the ground beef and the green pepper and fry them until the meat becomes lightly browned. Stir it constantly. After that, you remove it from the heat. Then drain this of any excess fat and then have it cooled. Later, you toss the meat, the chopped spinach, the cheese cubes and the egg together and mix them with a fork.

Afterward, you have to heat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit

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(190 degrees Celsius). Then have a 12-x 8-x2-inch (30.5-x 20.5-x 5-cm) glass baking dish ready. Then, you put about three-fourth tomato mixture in the baking dish. Next, you should lay the stuffed manicotti in the sauce and pour the remaining sauce all over it. Sprinkle over it with parmesan cheese (500ml when packed). Finally, cook in the water the spinach clinging to each leaves just until it wilts. Then, you drain and chopped this finely with kitchen shears. Bake this for another 30 minutes or until it becomes hot.

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