

Sweet Chile Syrup

Serves 12

Ingredients:

6 Dried California Chiles

2 cups Water

12 oz. (2 cups) Brown Sugar

2 Cinnamon Sticks

10 Whole Cloves

1/2 Nutmeg Pod

5 Whole Allspice Berries

1 Orange cut into quarters

1 Lemon Peel

1 lbs. (4 cups) Pumpkin peeled and cut into large chunks (about 1 small pumpkin pie)

Directions:

- 1. Remove the stems and seeds from the chiles. Place in a pot of water and bring to a boil. Boil until chiles are very tender, about 25 minutes. Remove chiles to drain, reserving the cooking liquid.
- 2. In a blender, puree the chiles adding some of the cooking liquid for easier blending. Chile paste should be somewhat fluid, but not runny. Blend until smooth and press through a fine mesh strainer to remove the skins. Set aside.
- 3. In a large saucepan, combine the water, brown sugar, spices, orange and lemon peel. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Lower heat to a simmer and add the pumpkin pieces. Simmer the pumpkin in the sugar mixture for about 15-20 minutes or until fork tender, then using a slotted spoon, remove the pumpkin and set aside to cool. Pumpkin will be added to the Turkey filling.
- 4. Add the chile puree to the sauce and continue cooking over medium-low heat until the mixture becomes syrupy.
- 5. Remove and discard the whole spices, oranges, and lemon peel.