

## **Vegetarian Stuffing**

Ingredients:

 $2\frac{1}{2}$  total cups vegetable stock, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup set aside

3 tbsp fresh, chopped sage, divided

1 large white onion, chopped #2 cone

1 carrot, finely chopped #1 cone

3 stalks celery finely chopped #1 cone

2 honeycrisp apples chopped with skins #3 cone 3 cloves garlic, minced

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon cayenne pepper

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup Craisins (or dried cranberries)

1 loaf whole grain bread (day old or stale) torn

into 1/2 inch squares

Ground black pepper to taste

Instructions:

- In a large sauté pan over medium heat add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup vegetable stock, onion, celery, carrot, and one tablespoon of sage.
- 2. When onions become translucent, add garlic, apples, and ground black pepper.
- 3. After apples have cooked for about 2 minutes pour in remaining 2 cups vegetable stock. Add cayenne pepper, and let mixture sauté another 2 minutes.
- 4. Add cranberries and remaining 2 tablespoons of sage. Mix well.
- 5. Fold in bread squares and transfer into a glass baking dish.
- 6. Bake at 350°F for 35-45 minutes or until bread cubes on top are crispy.

Nutritional Information as presented: 1/2 cup = 1 servingYield = approximately 22 servings Calories: 84.0 kcal ➤ Fat: 1.1 g Saturated Fat: 0.2 g Cholesterol: 0.0 mg Sodium: 161.1 mg Carbohydrates: 15.8 g ➢ Fiber: 2.5 g ➢ Sugar: 5.4 g Protein: 3.3 g Compare if using water in place of vegetable stock: Calories: 82.3 kcal  $\geq$ ➤ Fat: 1.1 g ➢ Saturated Fat: 0.2 g Cholesterol: 0.0 mg Sodium: 98.6 mg Carbohydrates: 15.4 g ➢ Fiber: 2.5 g Sugar: 5.1 g Protein: 3.3 g Compare to original recipe using 1 stick of salted butter: Calories: 121 kcal ➢ Fat: 5.2 g Saturated Fat: 2.8 g Cholesterol: 11.3 mg Sodium: 190.8 mg Carbohydrates: 15.8 g Fiber: 2.5 g Sugar: 5.4g  $\succ$