

How to Cook Jerky: The Ultimate Guide to Making Delicious, Homemade Jerky

Jerky is a delicious, portable snack that's perfect for hiking, camping, or just enjoying at home. It's also a great way to use up leftover meat. But if you've never made jerky before, it can be a little daunting.



How To Cook Jerky: Delicious Recipes For Family, Cooking At Home: Ground Beef Jerky Recipe

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That's where this guide comes in. We'll walk you through everything you need to know about making jerky, from choosing the right meat to drying and storing your jerky. We'll also provide you with some delicious recipes to get you started.

Choosing the Right Meat

The first step to making jerky is choosing the right meat. The best meats for jerky are lean and have a low fat content. This will help your jerky to dry evenly and prevent it from becoming greasy.

Some of the best meats for jerky include:

- Beef
- Venison
- Pork
- Turkey
- Chicken

Once you've chosen your meat, you'll need to trim off any excess fat. You'll also want to cut the meat into thin strips, about 1/4 inch thick.

Marinating the Jerky

Once you've cut the meat, it's time to marinate it. Marinating the meat will help to flavor it and tenderize it. There are many different recipes for jerky marinades, so feel free to experiment until you find one that you like.

Some of the most popular ingredients for jerky marinades include:

- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Liquid smoke
- Garlic
- Onion
- Brown sugar
- Honey

- Spices

To marinate the meat, simply combine the marinade ingredients in a bowl and add the meat. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or up to overnight.

Drying the Jerky

Once the meat has marinated, it's time to dry it. There are two main methods for drying jerky: using a dehydrator or using an oven.

Using a Dehydrator

A dehydrator is the best way to dry jerky because it circulates hot air around the meat, which helps to dry it evenly. If you have a dehydrator, simply follow the manufacturer's instructions for drying jerky.

Using an Oven

If you don't have a dehydrator, you can also dry jerky in the oven. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the meat strips on the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 hours, or until the meat is dry and leathery.

Storing the Jerky

Once the jerky is dry, it's important to store it properly to prevent it from spoiling. Jerky can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. It can also be stored in a vacuum-sealed bag in the freezer for up to 6 months.

Recipes

Now that you know how to make jerky, here are a few recipes to get you started:

Beef Jerky

Ingredients:

- 1 pound flank steak, trimmed and cut into 1/4 inch strips
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup liquid smoke
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions:

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and mix well. 2. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or up to overnight. 3. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. 4. Remove the meat from the marinade and discard the marinade. 5. Spread the meat strips on the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 hours, or until the meat is dry and leathery. 6. Allow the jerky to cool completely before storing it in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Venison Jerky

Ingredients:

- 1 pound venison, trimmed and cut into 1/4 inch strips
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup liquid smoke
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions:

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and mix well. 2. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or up to overnight. 3. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. 4. Remove the meat from the marinade and discard the marinade. 5. Spread the meat strips on the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 hours, or until the meat is dry and leathery. 6. Allow the jerky to cool completely before storing it in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Pork Jerky

Ingredients:

- 1 pound pork loin, trimmed and cut into 1/4 inch strips
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions:

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and mix well. 2. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or up to overnight. 3. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. 4. Remove the meat from the marinade and discard the marinade. 5. Spread the meat strips on the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 hours, or until the meat is dry and leathery. 6. Allow the jerky to cool completely before storing it in an airtight container in the refrigerator.



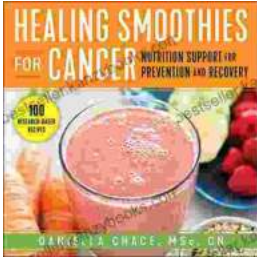
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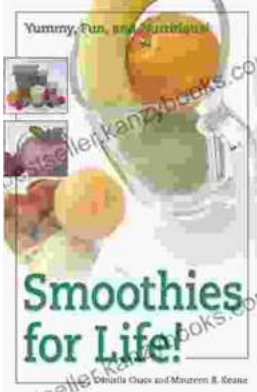
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