EASY NUT ROAST (VEGETARIAN MEAL)

COURSE: MAIN COURSE CUISINE: AMERICAN KEYWORD: NUT ROAST PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES COOK TIME: 45 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR

SERVINGS: 8 SLICES CALORIES: 250KCAL AUTHOR: MEGAN GILMORE

Nut Roast makes a delicious vegetarian main course! It's the perfect alternative to meatloaf or turkey when you're serving a big holiday meal.



- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 pound mushrooms (I used a mix of cremini and shiitake)
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ¾ cup walnut halves
- ½ cup pecan halves
- 1 cup pre-cooked brown rice
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup freshly chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F and line a 9-inch by 5-inch loaf pan with parchment paper. (I like to spray the pan with a bit of oil first, to help the parchment stay in place.) Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat, and saute the onion until soft and translucent, about 5 minutes.
- 2. While the onion is cooking, quickly process the mushrooms in a food processor fitted with an "S" blade to break them down into an almost rice-like texture. Add the mushrooms and garlic to the onion in the skillet, and saute until the liquid from the mushrooms evaporates, about 8 more minutes.
- While everything is cooking, pulse the walnuts and pecans in the food processor (no need to rinse it after chopping the mushrooms) until they resemble a coarse flour.
- 4. Transfer the ground nuts to a large bowl, along with the cooked brown rice, parmesan, eggs, parsly, thyme, salt, and 5-6 grinds of fresh black pepper. Add in the cooked mushroom mixture, and stir well to combine.
- 5. Transfer the mixture to the prepared loaf pan, and use a spatula to smooth the top. Cook the loaf at 375°F until the top is golden and firm, about 40 to 45 minutes. (The internal temperature should reach at least 160°F.) Let it cool for at least 15 minutes before removing the loaf from the pan, then slice and serve.
- 6. Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the

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fridge for up to 4 days. The leftover loaf makes a great stuffing/filling for roasted squash, if you want to repurpose the dish!

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