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Candied yams with canned yams

Candied yams, with or without marshmallows, are a must for Thanksgiving! With an easy to make sweet syrup, cinnamon, and a hint of vanilla, these sweet potatoes are a classic holiday side. Add mini marshmallows and bake for a melty holiday favorite everyone will love. Why we love this recipe These candied yams can be made with or without marshmallows. As a child, the marshmallows were my daughter's favorite part. The charred, melted goey topping was irresistible! She's now 26 and still insists on the marshmallows. This classic side dish is a staple on any Thanksgiving or Christmas table, we can't go without it! We've also served this decadent Oatmeal Cookie Sweet Potato Casserole for Thanksgiving, and it was a big hit. We love sweet potatoes so much, that when it's not Thanksgiving or Christmas, we make Sweet Potato Fries! How to make candied yams These step by step photos and instructions are here to help you visualize how to make this recipe. Please scroll down to simply print out the instructions! To start, scrub the sweet potatoes and carefully score a line around the entire circumference of the potato (see our video!) and place in a large pot of boiling water.Cover the pot and boil over medium-high heat until they are easily pierced with a knife, about 30 minutes.Plunge the hot potatoes into a bowl of ice water. Once they are cool enough to handle, slip the skins off the sweet potatoes and cut them into slices or cubes. With marshmallows Place cut sweet potatoes into a square baking dish if you will be topping with marshmallows.For the syrup, simply bring all the ingredients to a boil in a small saucepan.Pour over the sweet potatoes, top with marshmallows and bake until golden brown. Without marshmallows If you do not want to use marshmallows, combine the syrup ingredients in a medium saucepan and bring to a gentle boil.Carefully add the sweet potatoes and then simmer until thickened. Expert Tips A note about yams or sweet potatoes: In the USA the terms are used interchangeably. My candied yams are actually sweet potatoes. In the grocery store, sweet potatoes are commonly labeled as yams, even if they aren't true yams, which is confusing. Either way, you'll want sweet potatoes for this recipe!You can use white or brown sugar for this recipe. I have used both and prefer brown sugar.Either water or orange juice works, but I prefer the juice. If you don't have any, water works great!You'll also need butter (salted or unsalted), pure vanilla extract, salt, and ground cinnamon.I always top my candied yams with miniature marshmallows. They are completely optional, but it's how my family prefers them. More Thanksgiving Ideas I love to bake and cook and share my recipes with you! I know it's hard to remember to come back and search, so I've made it easy for you with my weekly newsletter! You can subscribe for free and I'll send you delicious recipes every week right to your email. Scrub and score the sweet potatoes around the center and place in a large pot of boiling water. Cover and gently boil for 20-30 minutes or until easily pierced with a fork.Drain potatoes and place in a bowl of ice water until cool enough to handle then slip the skins off (see our video for this method). Cut the sweet potatoes into 1/2-inch slices or cubes.Preheat the oven to 350 F.For the syrup, combine the sugar, water, butter, vanilla, salt and cinnamon in a small saucepan and bring to a rapid boil.Place sweet potatoes in an 8×8 or 9×9 baking dish and drizzle with syrup.Top with marshmallows and bake for about 20 minutes, or until golden brown.In a large skillet, combine the sugar, water, butter, vanilla, salt and cinnamon. Add the sweet potatoes, stirring to coat. Bring to a simmer and cook until thick and bubbly, about 5 minutes. Transfer to serving dish and enjoy. Calorie count includes marshmallows. A note about yams or sweet potatoes: In the USA these are used interchangeably. My candied yams are actually sweet potatoes. In the grocery store, sweet potatoes are commonly labeled as yams, even if they aren't true yams, which is confusing. Either way, you'll want sweet potatoes for this recipe! Be sure to watch the video to learn how to easily peel sweet potatoes with just one cut of the knife! Serving: 1portion | Calories: 307cal | Carbohydrates: 62g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 5g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 15mg | Sodium: 347mg | Potassium: 526mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 32g | Vitamin A: 21640IU | Vitamin C: 7.8mg | Calcium: 47mg | Iron: 1mg Follow on Pinterest @AmandaFormaro or tag #AmandasCookin! This post was originally published on this blog on Nov 3, 2017. Blogger at Kitchen GidgetRebekah Garcia is the food blogger behind Kitchen Gidget. She creates recipes influenced by her Midwestern roots, Hispanic heritage and insatiable sweet tooth. 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Candied Sweet Potatoes are one of our favorite side dish recipe when I am making a holiday ham or turkey. For more crock pot side dish and vegetable recipes head over to my crock pot recipes page. Homemade Candied Sweet Potatoes Candied sweet potatoes are so much better when you make them from scratch. The frozen boxed version of candied sweet potatoes can not compare to the flavor of fresh sweet potatoes cooked in a brown sugar glaze. That also goes for using canned yams or sweet potatoes instead of fresh sweet potatoes. When you use the canned sweet potatoes they are way too soft to begin with and turn out mushy and don't hold their shape like fresh sweet potatoes will. The texture is never the same and the flavor of fresh sweet potatoes is so much better. If you love easy & amazing recipes join the Flour On My Face Newsletter and get each of my new recipes delivered right to your inbox. Disclosure: Product links are affiliate links. Flour On My Face is a participant in the Amazon.com Services LLC Associates Program, an affiliate advertising program designed to provide a means for us to earn fees by linking to Amazon.com and affiliated sites. Peeling fresh Sweet Potatoes The hardest part of this recipe is peeling the fresh sweet potatoes. It is a little time consuming, but a sharp paring knife will get the job done better. I tried using a vegetable peeler, but it was awkward to hold the bigger sweet potatoes and use the peeler. It was much easier to use a paring knife than the vegetable peeler. A sharp ceramic knife makes quick work of cutting the raw sweet potatoes into thick slices. I cooked this recipe in my 6 qt crock pot slow cooker. There was plenty of room left in the crock pot so if you need to double the candied sweet potatoes recipe to feed a large crowd you could easily double the recipe. I like to serve most of my crock pot recipes right from the crock pot. It makes my life so much easier but for the holidays setting a pretty table is more important. Keep the sweet potatoes warm in the crock pot until its time to serve dinner. Then carefully transfer the sweet potatoes to a casserole dish so you can serve them from the table. Directions Step 1: Make the brown sugar syrup: Place the butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, ground cinnamon, and grated nutmeg into a medium saucepan. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Once the syrup starts to boil cook for 3 minutes. Remove pot from the heat and set aside. Step 2: Place half of the peeled and sliced sweet potatoes into the bottom of a 4-quart crock pot. Pour half of the brown sugar syrup over the sliced sweet potatoes. Step 3: Layer the remaining sliced sweet potatoes in the crock pot. Four remaining syrup over the sweet potato slices. Step 4: Fold a triple layer of paper towels and place over the top of the crock pot pulling it taut so it does not touch the ingredients. Step 5: Place the lid on the crock pot and cook on high for 2-3 hours or until fork tender. Step 6: Once the sweet potatoes are fork tender uncover the crock pot and remove the damp paper towels and discard. Step 7: Spread the mini marshmallows over the top of the cooked sweet potato slices. Replace the lid and turn the crock pot on the warm setting. Step 8: Serve once marshmallows are melted. Sprinkle some ground cinnamon over the marshmallows if desired. Keep warm if not serving immediately. Recipe FAQs Are candied yams and sweet potatoes the same thing? Candied yams and candied sweet potatoes are the same thing. Yams are a variety of sweet potato. How do you thicken runny candied sweet potatoes? If the brown sugar syrup of your candied sweet potatoes is runny you can thicken it very easily. Mix 2 tablespoons of corn starch and 2 tablespoons of cold water in a small bowl. Pour the corn starch slurry into the brown sugar glaze and carefully stir. Try not to break up the pieces of sweet potatoes. Heat over medium high heat until thickened or return the dish to the oven and continue to cook until thickened. sweet potatoes: Use fresh unbruised sweet potatoes.butter: salted butter can be used in the unsalted.brown sugar: dark brown sugar will result in a better colorcorn syrup: white corn syrup is usually used but of all you have on hand is dark corn syrup you can use it instead. spices: I like using fresh grated nutmeg. It has a stronger flavor than ground nutmeg powder. Use the same amount of ground nutmeg if that is all you have.marshmallow topping: mini marshmallows will melt faster. You can use large marshmallows that have been cut into pieces as a substitute. Recipe Expert Tips Sweet Potatoes: Do not use canned sweet potatoes! Canned sweet potatoes will not work for this recipe because they are already cooked and soft. They will turn to mashed sweet potatoes.Cooking times: Cooking time will vary. It will depend on how full the crock pot is and how thick you have cut the fresh sweet potatoes. Tool tips slow cooker: this recipe will fit in a 4 quart crock pot. It will cook faster in a 6 or 8 quart.peeling & cutting fresh sweet potatoes: use caution when peeling. A sharp knife works better than a vegetable peeler. Need to make sweet potatoes side dish fast? You can try my 5 minute Instant Pot Candied Sweet Potatoes recipe if you have a pressure cooker. Click the buttons below in the recipe card to print, save to Pinterest or save the recipe to your favorites. If you like this recipe, please share it with your friends! You can also share it on social media. Thank you for visiting! Crock Pot Candied Sweet Potatoes recipe head over to my Crock Pot Recipe page where you will find 200+ Crock Pot Recipes. Let me show you how to make my favorite easy Thanksgiving side: candied sweet potatoes! They're soft, buttery, extra saucy, caramelized, and sweet. I especially love this Thanksgiving side dish because you can prepare the elements of this recipe ahead of time AND purchase the ingredients in advance, too. Forever my favorite Thanksgiving side dish, these classic candied sweet potatoes make an appearance on our holiday table every year. (I'm surprised I haven't shared the recipe with you before- these are the best!) In fact, we love them so much that we don't limit this recipe to only once per year. I love these for Christmas, Easter, or a random Sunday night throughout the year. They're full of flavor and as far as Thanksgiving side dishes go, they're REALLY easy. These Candied Sweet Potatoes Are: Soft & buttery Caramelized on the edges Absolutely packed with flavor: vanilla, brown sugar, maple, cinnamon, & ginger Even better with orange zest, rosemary, & sea salt Your new favorite Thanksgiving side dish too I also appreciate that you don't have to pre-cook the sweet potatoes. Unlike sweet potato casserole where you boil and mash the potatoes, this candied sweet potatoes recipe simply needs thick slices of peeled potatoes. Easy enough, right? And the best part of all? You can purchase all of the ingredients NOW so you aren't rushing around Thanksgiving week. How to Make Candied Sweet Potatoes Let me quickly break down the steps before leaving you with the recipe. Pick up your sweet potatoes. You need 3-4 pounds, about 5 or 6 medium sweet potatoes. Look for sweet potatoes with a reddish/copper skin that's smooth and firm. Store in a cool, dry place until ready to use. Peel & slice sweet potatoes. When you're ready to make this dish, peel the potatoes and slice into 1/2 inch slices. The thickness of the slices is important because (1) any smaller and the slices will over-cook and (2) any larger and the slices will under-cook. Place potato slices in a large casserole dish and toss with salt. Make the sauce. Put all the sauce ingredients into a pot, boil 2 minutes, then stir in vanilla extract. Vanilla extract is a recent (and welcome) addition to our family recipe because it adds SO much flavor. Just wait until you smell the sauce when you stir in that vanilla- you'll already know you're making something delicious! Pour over sweet potatoes. Pour sauce over potatoes and toss everything together so the sauce evenly coats all the slices. Bake for 1 hour. Stop and stir the sweet potatoes every 20 minutes to ensure the sauce caramelizes on each potato. Buttery Brown Sugar Maple Sauce These sweet potatoes would be nothing without the magical sauce. A recipe that we've been tweaking and perfecting over the years, the combination of ingredients is perfection. Here are the ingredients you need: Butter: Butter is the base of the sauce. (And, honestly, why it's so good!) Water: A few Tablespoons of water help liquify the sauce- it's too thick without it. Brown Sugar: Name a better ingredient suited for sweet potatoes! Maple Syrup: Pure maple syrup adds incomparable flavor to this Thanksgiving side dish. The recipe is good without it, but even better with its addition. Skip "breakfast syrup" and reach for pure maple. Cinnamon, Nutmeg, & Ginger: This dish includes the season's favorite warming spices. The ginger adds a bright burst of flavor. Vanilla Extract: Again, vanilla extract is a welcome addition. Stir it into the sauce after you remove the pot from heat. The sauce thins out as it bakes due to the water content in the potatoes, but quickly thickens as it cools. Thick or thin, you'll want to slurp up this sauce with a straw. Plus, it tastes fantastic with those other Thanksgiving dishes on your plate too! © Finishing Touches for Candied Sweet Potatoes When I made these candied sweet potatoes earlier this month, I added orange zest to the sauce. This is totally optional, but it added an element of FRESH to the entire dish. Likewise, adding chopped fresh or dried rosemary after the dish bakes is equally refreshing. And to balance out the sweet, I love a sprinkle of sea salt all over the top. This dish has it all: sweet, salty, fresh, buttery, saucy, soft, and caramelized. It doesn't get much better than this! More Favorite Thanksgiving Side Dishes: Print clock icon cutlery icon flag icon folder icon instagram icon pinterest icon facebook icon print icon squares icon heart icon heart solid icon These perfect candied sweet potatoes are soft, buttery, extra saucy, caramelized, and sweet. I especially love this Thanksgiving side dish because you can prepare the elements of this recipe ahead of time AND purchase the ingredients in advance, too. 5-6 medium sweet potatoes (3-4 lbs) 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup (1 stick; 115g) unsalted butter 2 Tablespoons (30ml) water 1/4 cup (60ml) pure maple syrup 1 cup (200g) packed light or dark brown sugar 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract optional: 2 teaspoons orange zest optional for garnish: chopped fresh or dried rosemary, sea salt Peel then slice the sweet potatoes into 1/2 inch thick slices. Place in a greased 9×13 inch or other 3 quart baking dish. Sprinkle salt on top and toss to coat. I just use nonstick spray to grease. Preheat oven to 375°F (191°C). Make the sauce: Cut stick of butter in half. (Helps it melt easier.) Combine all the butter, water, maple syrup, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger into a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir until the butter has melted. Stop stirring and bring to a gentle boil. Boil for 2 minutes without stirring. Remove sauce from heat and stir in the vanilla extract. (And orange zest, if using.) Pour sauce over potatoes and toss to coat. Bake for 1 hour, stopping and stirring the sweet potatoes every 20 minutes. After the first 20 minutes, I cover the dish with aluminum foil so the potatoes bake evenly. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with rosemary and sea salt (if using), then cool uncovered for 10 minutes before serving. The sauce is thin right out of the oven but thickens as it cools. Cover and store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Sauce will be thick after refrigeration, but thins out as you warm the leftovers up. Simply warm in the microwave. Make ahead tip: You can peel & slice the sweet potatoes 1 day ahead of time. Cover and store in the refrigerator overnight. You can prepare the sauce on the stove (step 3) 1-2 days ahead of time. Cover and store in the refrigerator until ready to use. Reheat on the stove or in the microwave until thin and liquid-y, then continue with step 4. Dish can be frozen up to 3 months. Thaw in the refrigerator, then cover with aluminum foil and warm in a 350°F (177°C) oven for 25 minutes or until warm throughout. Keywords: sweet potato, thanksgiving, side dish

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