Roasted Garlic and Herb Bread Dressing (or Stuffing)



Ingredients

8 oz. bread, (1 baguette) such as sourdough, ciabatta, or French. You can get old bread from the bakery or buy unseasoned croutons

½ onion, peeled and diced

2 stalks celery diced

1 tbsp. butter, or chicken or turkey fat

½ head garlic, roasted

8-10 oz. stock, or as needed

1-2 cups of diced, cooked turkey meat, or cooked giblets, if desired (such as the poached meat picked from the carcass/ wings after making stock)

1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves

3 ea. Sage leaves, finely chopped

1 tbsp. minced parsley

1 small sprig rosemary, stripped and chopped fine

If desired: ½ cup dried fruits such as dried cranberries, or dried apples

If desired: ½ cup toasted pecans

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Butter for greasing pan, if needed

Procedure

- 1. Melt butter or fat in a large sauté pan. Add onions, celery and roasted garlic. Sauté over medium heat until soft.
- 2. Add the stock and bring to a simmer. Add herbs, bread, seasonings, meat or giblets, and optional ingredients.
- 3. Remove from heat and stir until bread is saturated. If needed, added more stock.
- 4. If using to stuff your ballotine, let cool until room temperature.
- 5. Alternately, spread into a greased pan and bake at 375°F until brown and crispy on the top, about 30-40 minutes.

Serves 8-10 as a side dish, or enough to stuff two legs, with a bit left over

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