New England Cranberry Sauce

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This is my favorite cranberry sauce - and it's not just for Thanksgiving! This is super easy to make and looks gorgeous on the table throughout the fall and winter months.

Here's what I LOVE about it:

- ~ simple and fast to make
- ~ contains only five ingredients
- ~ flavorful
- ~ not-too-sweet and not-too-tart
- ~ stunningly beautiful
- ~ good source of vitamin C and fiber per cup
- ~ LOTS of ways to use it

Let's make this now, shall we?!

For about two cups, you will need:

- 1 bag fresh or frozen cranberries, 12 oz
- 1 orange, zest and juice
- 1/4 cup apple cider, local if possible
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup, or a little more depending on your taste (I prefer less sweet)

Total Time: 15-20 minutes, plus chill time Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 10-15 minutes Set/Chill Time: 2 hours or overnight

The Process:

- 1. Rinse cranberries and pick through, removing any rotten ones and debris
- 2. Place cranberries in a medium saucepan. Add the remaining ingredients.
- 3. Cook over medium heat until, stirring occasionally until berries begin to pop open.
- 4. Cook for an additional five minutes. You may see some foam forming around the edges. You can scrape this off if you choose. I have not found this step necessary though. I did not scrape the foam in the photo above.

5. Transfer to a serving dish or other container, allow to cool and then refrigerate for at least two hours before serving. I like to leave the cinnamon sticks in my serving dish as added decoration. Enjoy!

Here are some additional ways to use New England Cranberry Sauce:

- > swirled into yogurt
- > spooned into oatmeal, or other hot cereal
- > spread onto cornbread
- > tucked inside a hummus sandwich
- > dolloped onto baked sweet potatoes
- > blended into a smoothie
- > stirred into pancake or muffin batter
- > drizzled over rice pudding
- > added to whole grain pilaf
- > mixed into French toast batter
- > a condiment for baked tempeh
- > blended into a vinaigrette
- > spread onto parchment and dehydrated into fruit leather



Nutrition information is for 1/4 cup.

If you make this recipe, please let me know how it turned out. Be sure to take a photo and tag me #chefcatherinebrown.com. I love seeing what you make!