

Buttery Herb-Roasted Turkey

Makes: 14 servings

Ingredients

- (14- to 16-pound) Butterball® Fresh or thawed Frozen Whole Turkey
- ½ cup salted butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 10 sprigs fresh thyme, divided
- 10 sprigs fresh rosemary, divided
- 10 sprigs fresh sage, divided
- 4 medium yellow onion, cut into eighths and divided
- 8 whole shallots, peeled
- 4 heads garlic, tops trimmed
- Garnish: fresh thyme sprigs, fresh rosemary sprigs, fresh sage sprigs

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°. Line a large roasting pan with heavy-duty foil.
- 2. Remove neck and giblets from turkey cavities; discard or refrigerate for another use. Drain juices from turkey and pat dry with paper towels. Turn wings back to hold neck skin against back of turkey.
- 3. Combine butter, salt, and pepper in small bowl; mix well. Loosen skin from turkey, place half of butter mixture under skin. Rub remaining butter mixture all over turkey.
- 4. Place turkey, breast side up in prepared pan, place half of herbs and half of onions in turkey cavity; place shallots, garlic, remaining onions, and remaining herbs around the turkey.
- 5. Place pan in oven, reducing temperature to 325°. Roast 3 to 3½ hours or until a meat thermometer reaches 180° when inserted into deepest part of thigh. Cover breast and top of drumsticks loosely with foil about two-thirds of the way through baking to prevent overbrowning, if needed. Let stand for 30 minutes before carving.

