Southern Pork Chops & Crispy Corn Cakes with Braised Apple & Collard Gro



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Ingredients



2 Boneless, Center-Cut Pork Chops



1 Apple



2 tsps Honey



1 Tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar



1 Pasture-Raised Egg



6 oz Collard Greens



2 Tbsps Mayonnaise



1 Tbsp Southern Spice Blend¹



½ cup Cornbread Mix



1/4 cup Buttermilk



1 Tbsp Hot Sauce



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1 Prepare the ingredients & make the sauce

- Remove the **honey** from the refrigerator to bring to room temperature.
- · Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- Grate the apple on the large side of a box grater, discarding the core.
- Separate the collard green leaves from the stems; discard the stems, then roughly chop the leaves.
- Combine the grated apple and chopped collard greens in a bowl.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together the hot sauce, mayonnaise, honey (kneading the packet before opening), and a pinch of the spice blend. Season with salt and pepper.

2 Braise the apple & collard greens

- In a small pot, heat a drizzle of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the prepared apple and collard greens; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 2 to 3 minutes, or until the collard greens are bright green and slightly softened.



- Add the vinegar (carefully, as the liquid may splatter) and 1/4 cup of water. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 7 to 9 minutes, or until the collard greens are softened and the water has cooked off.
- Turn off the heat. Taste, then season with salt and pepper if desired. Cover to keep warm.

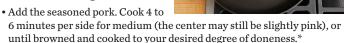
3 Make the batter

- · Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the cornbread mix, egg, and buttermilk. Season with pepper.
- Whisk to thoroughly combine.



4 Cook the pork

- Pat the **pork** dry with paper towels; season on both sides with salt, pepper, and enough of the remaining spice blend to coat (you may have extra).
- In a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat a drizzle of olive oil on medium-high until hot.



- Transfer to a cutting board and let rest at least 5 minutes.
- Rinse and wipe out the pan.

5 Cook the corn cakes & serve your dish

- While the pork rests, in the same pan, heat a drizzle of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Scoop or pour the **batter** into the pan to make 4 equal-sized pancakes, keeping them separate. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until golden brown and cooked through (if the pan seems dry, add a drizzle of olive oil before flipping). Turn off the heat.
- Slice the rested pork crosswise.
- Serve the sliced pork with the cooked corn cakes and braised apple and collard greens. Top the pork with the sauce. Enjoy!



*The USDA recommends a minimum safe cooking temperature of 145°F for pork

