

# History of the One Pot Classic: Cook Off Worthy Recipes from Three Bean to Chili



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One pot cooking is a classic culinary technique that has been passed down through generations. It's a simple, yet effective way to create delicious meals with minimal cleanup. Whether you're cooking over a campfire or in your kitchen, one pot cooking is a great way to save time and energy.

## The Origins of One Pot Cooking

The origins of one pot cooking can be traced back to ancient times. In fact, some of the earliest evidence of cooking comes from pots that were used to cook over open fires.

One of the earliest known one pot recipes is for a stew that was made with meat, vegetables, and herbs. This stew was cooked over an open fire in a

clay pot. The stew was a staple of many cultures, and it is still enjoyed today.

## **One Pot Cooking in the Middle Ages**

During the Middle Ages, one pot cooking continued to be a popular method of preparing food. In fact, many of the recipes that we think of as "traditional" today were originally created in one pot.

One of the most famous examples of a medieval one pot dish is pottage. Pottage was a thick stew that was made with meat, vegetables, and grains. It was a hearty and filling meal that was perfect for feeding a large group of people.

## **One Pot Cooking in the Renaissance**

The Renaissance saw a renewed interest in classical cooking techniques. As a result, one pot cooking became more popular than ever before.

One of the most famous Renaissance one pot dishes is olla podrida. Olla podrida is a stew that is made with a variety of meats, vegetables, and spices. It is a rich and flavorful dish that is perfect for a special occasion.

## **One Pot Cooking in the Modern Era**

One pot cooking has continued to be a popular method of preparing food in the modern era. In fact, it has become even more popular in recent years, thanks to the rise of slow cookers and Instant Pots.

Slow cookers and Instant Pots are both ideal for one pot cooking. They allow you to cook your food slowly and evenly, which results in tender and flavorful dishes.

## **Cook Off Worthy One Pot Recipes**

Now that you know a little bit about the history of one pot cooking, it's time to share some of our favorite cook off worthy recipes.

These recipes are all easy to make and they're all delicious. So what are you waiting for? Give them a try today!

### **Three Bean Chili**

Three bean chili is a classic one pot dish that is perfect for a cold winter night. It's made with three types of beans, ground beef, and a variety of spices.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pound ground beef - 1 onion, chopped - 1 green bell pepper, chopped - 1 red bell pepper, chopped - 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed - 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed - 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed - 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes - 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce - 1 (10 ounce) can diced green chiles, undrained - 1 teaspoon chili powder - 1 teaspoon ground cumin - 1/2 teaspoon salt - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

#### **Instructions:**

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat, brown the ground beef. Drain off any excess grease.
2. Add the onion, green bell pepper, and red bell pepper to the pot and cook until softened.
3. Stir in the black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, green chiles, chili powder, cumin, salt, and black pepper.
4. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour, or until the chili has thickened.
- 5.

Serve the chili with your favorite toppings, such as shredded cheese, sour cream, and chopped onions.

## Hearty Beef Stew

Hearty beef stew is another classic one pot dish that is perfect for a cold winter night. It's made with beef, vegetables, and a rich gravy.

### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes - 1 tablespoon olive oil - 1 onion, chopped - 1 carrot, chopped - 1 celery stalk, chopped - 2 cloves garlic, minced - 2 cups beef broth - 1 cup red wine (optional) - 1 tablespoon tomato paste - 1 teaspoon dried thyme - 1 teaspoon dried oregano - 1 bay leaf - 1/2 teaspoon salt - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). 2. In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat, brown the beef stew meat in the olive oil. Drain off any excess grease. 3. Add the onion, carrot, celery, and garlic to the pot and cook until softened. 4. Stir in the beef broth, red wine (if using), tomato paste, thyme, oregano, bay leaf, salt, and black pepper. 5. Bring the mixture to a boil, then cover the pot and place it in the oven. 6. Bake for 1 hour, or until the beef is tender



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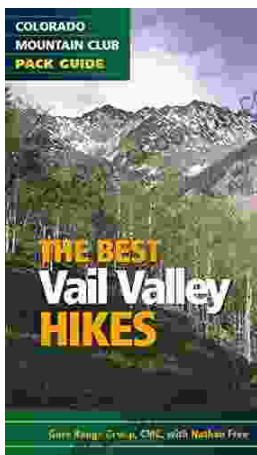
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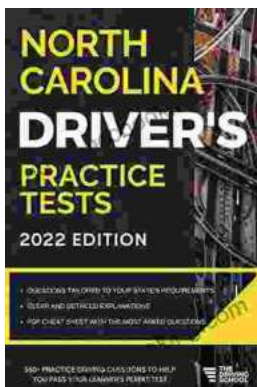
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