APPLE BUTTER MAPLE BBQ SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 onion, finely diced

1 apple (granny smith or pink lady), peeled, cored and diced

2 cups apple butter

1/2 cup ketchup

1/4 cup maple syrup

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 chipotle chili in adobo, finely minced

1 tablespoon garlic, grated

1 tablespoon ginger, grated

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon dijon mustard

DIRECTIONS

In a sauté pan, heat the vegetable oil to a shimmed. Add diced onion and sauté until translucent. Add the apple and sauté until the apple is pretty much falling apart. Transfer the contents to a sauce pan and then combine apple-onion mixture with the apple butter, ketchup, maple syrup, vinegar, soy sauce, chipotle pepper, garlic, ginger, Worcestershire sauce and mustard and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for about 10 minutes. Puree in a food processor, blender or using an immersion blender.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups. Stores in the refrigerator for about 4 weeks.