



Slow-Cooker Apple Crisp

Having a warm dessert ready in a slow cooker is such a gift to anyone who entertains. Thanks to cinnamon and maple syrup bubbling away, your house smells heavenly when guests arrive. If the crisp is ready before serving time, turn off the slow cooker and just turn it back on low to reheat. I swear by Honey Crisp apples for this recipe, but Pink Ladies and Jonagold varieties also work well.

serves 6 to 8

3½ pounds sweet-tart Honey Crisp
apples, peeled and cut into ¼-inch-thick
slices
½ teaspoon table salt

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
½ tablespoons pure maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5¼ cup cold unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch
pieces
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5¼ cup chopped and toasted pecans

5¼ cup all-purpose flour

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- 1. Place the apples in a lightly greased 6-quart slow cooker. Combine lemon juice and next 2 ingredients. Pour over apples and toss to coat.
- 2. Combine the flour and next 4 ingredients in a medium bowl. Cut the butter into the flour mixture with a pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse meal; sprinkle over the apples.
- 5. Cover and cook on HIGH for 2 hours and 30 minutes to 3 hours or until the apples are tender with gently pricked with a fork. Sprinkle with the pecans. Serve warm with ice cream.