Comfort Foods You Can Make in the Slow Cooker

A slow cooker is definitely a powerful and convenient appliance to have in your kitchen. It allows you to cook a meal while you do other things during the day, and is great when you have to work but you want to have a nice home-cooked meal for when you get home. Here are some of the top comfort foods you can cook in your slow cooker.

**Pot Roast**

Most families love a good pot roast, and you don’t need to slave over a hot stove or heat up your kitchen by turning the oven on. You can easily let the roast cook all day in the slow cooker, so that by the time you return home in the afternoon, your roast is tender and falling apart. For pot roast in the slow cooker use a chuck roast and add in some potatoes, carrots, beef or vegetable stock, water, seasonings, garlic powder, and onion powder. Let it cook all day on low or for a few hours on high.

**Chili**

Chili is a popular comfort food to enjoy whether it is a cold evening or you just want to warm your bellies with something hearty. You can make any type of chili n your slow cooker, with a lot of different variations. Make a vegetarian chili with more beans, go lean with some turkey, or traditional with ground beef. Make sure there is plenty of beef or vegetable bullion, water, tomato sauce, and diced tomatoes in your chili. Add in your chili beans and pinto beans, along with chili powder, onion, garlic, cumin, salt and pepper. For a spicier chili, also add in some cayenne pepper and chilies.

**Beef and Gravy**

Beef and gravy is the perfect dish to make in your slow cooker, especially when you want something to p our over some homemade mashed potatoes. Beef tips and gravy require cubed beef, usually stew meat, with some cream of mushroom soup and beef broth. You can also add in sliced mushrooms or canned mushrooms, dry onion soup mix, and other seasonings you like. Cook it in the slow cooker on low for about 6-7 hours. You can also serve it with noodles or rice if you prefer.

**Beef Stroganoff**

A similar meal you can make in the slow cooker is beef stroganoff. This is another beef recipe that will be made with stew meat, along with cream of mushroom soup, cream cheese, milk, garlic, salt and pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Beef stroganoff is usually made with egg noodles and vegetables as well, such as peas and carrots or any other combination you prefer.