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One of the best ways to make a house into a home is to invite some friends over for a meal. If you try this recipe, let me know how it turns out for you. And if you have a favorite recipe of your own, send it my way.

Fondue Dinner Party

Fondue is a great party meal, especially during our cooler months. You can go to great extremes with oil fondues for cooking meats, but a simple cheese & chocolate dinner is easy to prepare, easy on the budget, and makes a night with friends a fun & festive event. And the simple recipes make it easy to try new variations.

Cheddar & Beer Fondue (serves 4):

1/4 cup butter1/4 cup flour3 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded6 cups of day-old French bread, cubed

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce 3 apples, cubed

1/4 tsp dry mustard 3 cups broccoli florets, lightly steamed

12 oz lager-style beer

- In a fondue pot, melt butter over medium-high heat. Stir in the flour, Worcestershire sauce, and mustard.
- 2. Gradually add beer, stirring until the mixture boils.
- 3. Reduce to medium heat and gradually add cheese, stirring until it is all melted.
- 4. Transfer pot from stove to fondue holder & keep warm over a low flame. Dip with long forks & enjoy!

Cinnamon & Chocolate Fondue (serves 4):

1/4 cup butter 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate 3 ripe bananas, sliced in bite-sized rounds

1/4 cup flour 2 cups strawberries, trimmed

2 cups light corn syrup 12 marshmallows

- 1. Melt the butter & chocolate together in a double-boiler.
- 2. Whisk in the flour until it is blended.
- 3. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly.
- 4. Remove from heat, add in the cinnamon.
- 5. Transfer to fondue pot & keep warm over a low flame or tea light. Dip fruit & marshmallows & enjoy!



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