Homemade Spiced Pear Cider

PREP TIME: 10 minutes **TOTAL TIME:** 1 hour 10 minutes

COOK TIME: 1 hour

8-10 ripe pears, cored and chopped

8 C water

1/2 C brown sugar

1 cinnamon stick

1 t whole cloves

1 t whole allspice

1/2 t ground nutmeg

1/2 t ground ginger

1 orange, sliced

3 T Spiced Pear Cider tea, placed in

a teabag

PREPARE THE PEARS: Wash, core, and chop the pears into small pieces.

COOK THE CIDER: In a large pot, combine the chopped pears, water, brown sugar, cinnamon stick, cloves, allspice, nutmeg, ginger, orange slices, Spiced Pear Cider tea. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

SIMMER: Reduce the heat to low and let the mixture simmer for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally, until the pears are very soft.

MASH AND STRAIN: Use a potato masher to mash the pears in the pot. Then, strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve or cheesecloth into a large bowl, pressing down on the solids to extract as much liquid as possible.

SERVE: Pour the pear cider into mugs and enjoy it warm. You can also refrigerate it and serve it chilled.