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### Add the turkey to the mixture... (USA)

Why at all? We scheduled one of our Amherst-meetings to be close to Thanksgiving. If you remember the blog entry from 2 years ago: Back then we bought a "Thanksgiving-turkey-set" at Big Y with everything needed in it and celebrated Thanksgiving the American way (see blog entry "Happy Thanksgiving!"). We had hoped to do the same again this year but there was just a small problem: no supermarket selling turkey-sets! So "DIY" or "German-Engineering" was plan b.

First I called a local butcher to order a turkey for 7 persons. This doesn't sound too difficult but it wasn't as easy as that. It took some time until I reached the point when the woman on the phone believed me that I wanted a whole turkey and not only pieces and bits of it. In the end: mission resolved!

Next was choosing the perfect recipe and ready... goooo!

"1. In a large bowl, combine all juices, honey, oil, mint, citrus peels, salt, pepper, herbs and spices. Mix well. Add turkey to the mixture, turning a few times to cover with marinade."

... wait a minute: "Add turkey to mixture"? Shouldn't it be the other way around? Strange idea!

But we won't pull out at that (remember "German Engineering"!): so: take a big plastic bag, first add the turkey and then (!) the mixture! That would look like the following:

While the turkey then may enjoy some rest and peace, freezing in the fridge (at least I'd be freezing, at those temperatures and having lost my feathers!) we took advantage of the freetime the next morning and the empty oven and baked a couple of Christmas cookies (very popular in Germany). Every year or so they may be finished even before the first Advent.

As the oven now is nicely preheated, we again add turkey to the mixture or rather: add mixture to the turkey, plug in two meat-thermometers and finally give the turkey a new nice warm home. At the beginning uncovered we soon covered it with aluminium foil just to uncover it shortly before it is done.

Then all there was left to do, was to wait...

Meanwhile the turkey enjoyed the sauna:

In between we brushed the turkey with some more mixture. About 3-4 hours later the turkey was ready!

The turkey was delicious, it had a lot of meat - definitely more than I would have expected (I rather expected some more bones):

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Anybodys mouth starting to water?

Enjoy!

Posted by Mareike in Karlsruhe at 18:37