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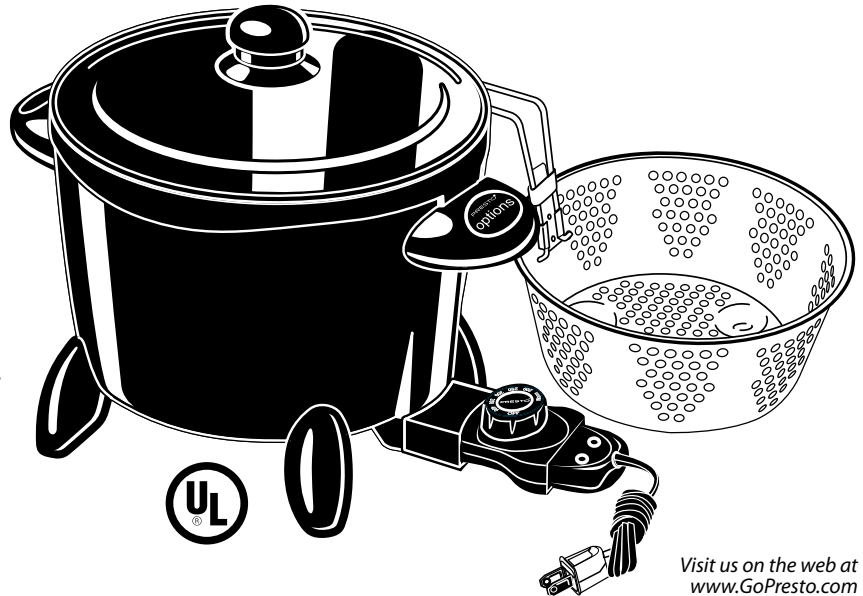
Options™ multi-cooker/steamer

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- Steams, stews, boils, deep fries and more.
- Easy to clean. Nonstick surface, inside and out.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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This is a  Listed appliance. The following important safeguards are recommended by most portable appliance manufacturers.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

To reduce the risk of personal injury or property damage, when using electrical appliances basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions.
2. To protect against electrical shock or burns, do not immerse heat control or magnetic cord in water or other liquid.
3. Be sure that handles and legs are assembled and fastened properly before using this appliance. See detailed assembly instructions on page 2.
4. Be sure the handle is properly attached to the basket and locked in place. See detailed assembly instructions on page 2. Failure to securely attach the basket handle can result in the release of the basket during use which may result in severe burns.
5. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
6. Do not let children handle or put electrical cords or plugs in their mouths.
7. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
8. It is recommended that this appliance not be moved when it contains hot oil or other hot liquid. If it must be moved when it contains hot oil or other hot liquid, use extreme caution.
9. Always attach the heat control to the appliance first, then plug the magnetic cord into the outlet. To disconnect the heat control and magnetic cord, turn the heat control to OFF, remove the plug from outlet, and remove the magnetic cord from heat control. Allow appliance to cool before removing the heat control.
10. Unplug the appliance from the outlet and remove the heat control from the appliance when not in use and before cleaning. Allow the appliance to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning.
11. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, in the event the appliance malfunctions, or if it has been damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to the Presto Factory Service Department for examination, repair, or adjustment.
12. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries. Use only genuine Presto™ accessories and replacement parts.
13. Do not use outdoors.
14. Do not let the cord hang over edge of the table or counter or touch hot surfaces.
15. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
16. Do not use the appliance for other than intended use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

Important Cord Information

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

A short power supply cord is provided to reduce the risk of becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord. **DO NOT USE WITH AN EXTENSION CORD.** Do not allow the cord to run underneath or around the unit. The magnetic cord may not detach easily if the cord is positioned in this fashion.

Connect the power supply cord to a 120VAC electrical outlet only.

How to Attach Legs and Handles

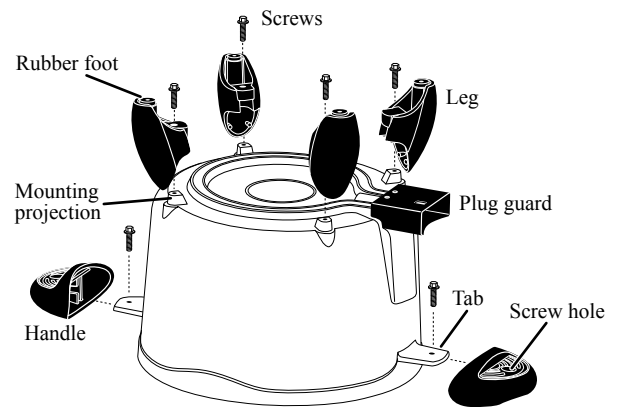
Tools Required: #2 Phillips screwdriver

Parts Included: 4 Legs, 2 Handles

Attach Legs to Base

1. Place the multi-cooker upside down on the table or counter.
2. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the screws from the mounting projections on the bottom of the multi-cooker (Fig. A) and set aside. These screws will attach the legs to the base.
3. Position one of the legs, with the rubber foot facing up, over one of the mounting projections. Align the hole in the leg with the hole in the mounting projection and fasten securely with the screw. The leg should not rock or move if twisted.
NOTICE: Continuing to tighten, once secure, can result in the stripping of screws or the cracking of legs.
4. Repeat step 3 for other three legs.
5. Turn the multi-cooker right side up on the table or counter. When properly assembled, the multi-cooker should sit level with no leg rock.

Fig. A



Attach Handles to Base

1. Place the multi-cooker upside down on the table or counter.
2. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the screws from the tabs on each side of the base and set aside. These screws will attach the handles to the base. **HINT:** When removing the screw under the plug guard, hold the screwdriver at a slight angle or use a short screwdriver or a screwdriver with a long shank.
3. Slide one of the handles, with the screw hole up, onto the tab so the hole on the tab aligns with the hole on the handle (Fig. A). Fasten securely with the screw. The handle should not wobble, but slight movement from side to side is normal. **NOTICE:** Continuing to tighten, once secure, can result in the stripping of screws or the cracking of handles.
4. Repeat step 3 for other handle.
5. Turn the multi-cooker right side up on the table or counter. When properly assembled, the handles should be parallel with the table or counter.

Attach Basket Handle

1. Slide lock bar up on the handle (Fig. B). Place one of the handle bars into one of the tabs on bracket. Squeeze the handle bars together and fit the other handle bar into the opposite tab on bracket.
2. After attaching the handle to the basket, make sure to slide the lock bar down (Fig. C) to the locked position to insure against accidental detachment of the handle from the basket. Check before each use to assure the handle is still properly secured.

Fig. B

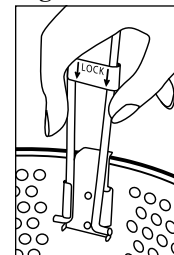
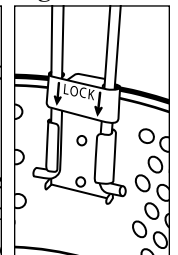


Fig. C



Before First Use

This versatile electric multi-cooker braises, steams, boils, deep fries, and more. It is also great for making soups, stews, and desserts. Before using the multi-cooker for the first time, become familiar with the various parts (Fig. D, page 3), read the instructions carefully, and wash it according to the “Care and Cleaning” instructions on pages 3 and 4.

NOTICE: This appliance is not intended to melt wax, gels, plastics, or other materials for making candles or for other hobbyist activities or in any commercial or business application. Using this appliance for purposes different from those specified in the instruction manual may cause damage to the appliance and will void the warranty.

How To Use

NOTICE: Avoid using no-stick cooking sprays as they may cause the cooking surface to become tacky. In addition, use heat-resistant nylon, plastic, wooden, or rubber utensils to turn, stir, or remove food when not using the basket. Do not use metal utensils as they may scratch the nonstick surface.

1. Place the multi-cooker on a dry, level, heat-resistant surface away from the wall and the edge. Do not let the cord hang or drape over the edge of the counter or table within reach of children. Remove the cover from the multi-cooker.

NOTICE: To prevent possible heat damage to your countertop, place a heat-resistant counter protector, such as aluminum foil, under the multi-cooker; take care not to place the foil under the legs.

2. Insert the probe end of the heat control into the multi-cooker so the two electrical pins on the appliance are fully inserted into the heat control. Then attach the magnetic cord to the heat control by aligning the magnetic plug end with the two electrical pins located on the back of the heat control (Fig. E).

Due to the fact that the magnetic plug end is polarized, it is intended to be attached to the heat control only one way. The printed patent information on the plug end should be facing up. The daisy and cautionary language should be facing the counter. When properly aligned and positioned correctly, the plug end will magnetically attach itself to the heat control.

IMPORTANT: The magnetic cord was designed to detach easily from the heat control. As a result, if bumped or touched during use, it could detach causing the multi-cooker to stop heating. Avoid contact with magnetic cord during operation. If contact occurs, verify the magnetic cord is still properly connected to the heat control.

3. Using the index below, determine the type of cooking method desired and turn to the referenced page.
4. Plug the multi-cooker into a 120VAC electrical outlet only. Preheat the multi-cooker as indicated by the cooking method and follow the cooking instructions. During cooking, the pilot light will go on and off indicating temperature is being maintained.

NOTE: Occasionally you may hear a pop or clicking sound while the multi-cooker is preheating. This is normal and a sign of fast heatup. You may also notice this sound as the multi-cooker cools down. When using the multi-cooker for the first time, a slight odor or light smoking may occur as manufacturing residue evaporates. This is normal.

5. When cooking is complete, turn the heat control to OFF. Remove the plug from wall outlet and then remove magnetic plug end from heat control. Allow to cool completely before removing the heat control from the multi-cooker before cleaning.

Fig. D

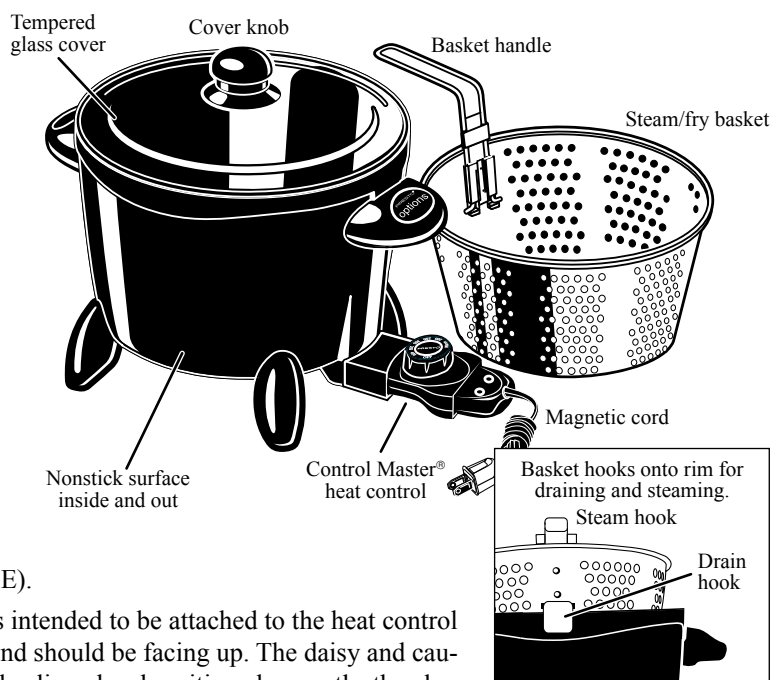
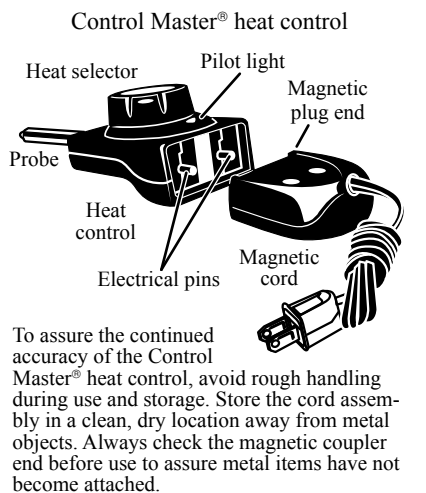


Fig. E



Cooking Methods

Your Options™ multi-cooker/steamer is truly versatile as you can prepare soups and stews, steam vegetables and seafood, and even deep fry in it. Because this multi-cooker does so many things, this book first provides a general overview of how to use, clean, and care for it and then specific sections on the various cooking methods available to you. Detailed instructions and recipes can be found on the pages indicated below:

<i>Cooking Method</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Cooking Method</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Cooking Method</i>	<i>Page</i>
Boil (pasta and rice)	7	Deep Fry	8	Steam (vegetables and fish)	6
Braise	6	Simmer (soups and stews)	4		

Care and Cleaning

The multi-cooker may be washed in the dishwasher or by hand. Remove the heat control before cleaning the appliance.

NOTICE: If you choose to wash the multi-cooker in the dishwasher, the basket and the bottom of the multi-cooker will likely discolor due to the caustic nature of the dishwasher detergent. In addition, a gray residue may form on the outside bottom of the multi-cooker which can transfer to towels or to skin.

When washing by hand, use warm, soapy water and rinse and dry thoroughly. Clean the nonstick base with a non-metal cleaning pad, such as Scotch-Brite® Multi-Purpose Scrub Sponge or Scotch-Brite® Dobie® Cleaning Pad. Firm pressure can be applied, if necessary.

Soaking the multi-cooker to loosen food residue is not necessary. If, however, soaking the multi-cooker is desired, do not soak for more than two hours. Soaking for more than two hours may damage the nonstick finish.

Do not use steel wool or abrasive kitchen cleaners. Do not immerse Control Master® heat control or magnetic cord in water or let either come in contact with any liquid.

In time, the nonstick finish may darken over the heating element. To remove this discoloration, use a solution of two tablespoons of automatic dishwasher detergent powder and two cups of water. Bring the water to a boil in the multi-cooker and then reduce the heat to simmer level (between WARM and 200°) by turning the heat control down until the pilot light goes out. Slowly stir in the dishwasher detergent. Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes.

Drain the solution and wash the multi-cooker in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. After treating the multi-cooker, it is recommended that the cooking surface be wiped lightly with vegetable oil before the next use.

Periodically check the screws on the handles and legs for looseness. Retighten, if necessary, with a Phillips screwdriver.

NOTICE: Continuing to tighten, once secure, can result in the stripping of screws or the cracking of handles and legs.

Any maintenance required for this appliance, other than normal household care and cleaning, should be performed by the Presto Factory Service Department (see page 10).

Glass Cover Care and Use Instructions

CAUTION! The glass cover may break for no apparent reason if you fail to follow these instructions. Broken glass can cause personal injury or property damage.

Handle the cover carefully. Do not scrape or gouge the glass with hard or sharp utensils. Do not handle a hot cover with a wet towel or place it on a cold or wet surface. Sudden, extreme changes in temperature may cause glass to break. Do not use cover if it is chipped or cracked. Avoid rough handling in use and storage.

Keep the cover clean. Allow cover to cool before washing. This cover is dishwasher safe. Do not use steel wool cleaning pads or abrasive powders which can scratch or weaken the glass. Nonabrasive pads or powders may be used if necessary.

Simmer

The multi-cooker makes preparing your favorite soups and stews so easy. In your multi-cooker, foods will simmer at some point between WARM and 200°. Heat the multi-cooker at 250° until the food boils. Then place cover on multi-cooker and reduce the heat to the simmer level by turning the heat control down until the pilot light goes out.

Beef Stock

1½	tablespoons vegetable oil	1	cup carrot, cut into 1-inch pieces
2	pounds beef soup meat	½	tablespoon parsley flakes
8	cups water	1	bay leaf
1	cup sliced onion	1	teaspoon salt
1	cup celery, cut into 1-inch pieces	⅛	teaspoon pepper

Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Add oil and brown meat. Add water, onion, celery, carrot, parsley, bay leaf, salt, and pepper; bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer 2 to 3 hours. Strain stock.

6 to 8 servings

Delicious Soup From Beef Stock

Vegetable Soup: Add 2 cups cooked, diced vegetables of your choice. Salt and pepper to taste and heat through.

Beef Tomato Soup: Add 2 cups tomato juice, ¾ cup rice, ½ cup chopped onion, and 1 teaspoon salt. Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until rice is done.

Traditional Beef Stew

- 1½ tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds beef stew meat
- 4 cups beef stock or broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

- 1 small onion, diced
- 3 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup peas
- 1 cup sliced celery

Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Add oil and brown meat. Add stock, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer 1 to 2 hours. Add onions, carrots, mushrooms, peas, and celery. Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. If desired, thicken with a paste made of cornstarch and water.

6 to 8 servings

Minestrone

- 3 cups beef stock or broth
- 1½ cups tomato juice
- 4 ounces beef soup meat
- 4 ounces sausage
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup sliced carrot
- ¾ cup green beans
- ½ cup sliced celery
- 1 can (14- to 15-ounce) diced tomatoes

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 can (14- to 15-ounce) cannelloni or navy beans, drained
- 1 ounce spaghetti, broken in half
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Add beef stock, tomato juice, soup meat, sausage, cabbage, onion, carrots, green beans, celery, tomatoes, garlic, basil, oregano, salt, and pepper to multi-cooker. Set heat control at 250° and bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and cook for 30 minutes. Add beans and spaghetti; cook until spaghetti is tender, about 20 minutes. Top with Parmesan with cheese.

8 to 10 servings

Chicken and White Bean Chili

- 1 cup dry great northern beans
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into ¾-inch pieces
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup sliced carrot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded, minced
- 4 cups chicken stock or broth
- 1½ teaspoons packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice

Clean and rinse beans. Soak beans overnight in 4 cups of water or by using the quick soak method. To soak beans using quick method, place beans in multi-cooker and cover with 4 cups of water. Set heat control at 250° and bring to a boil. Boil for 1 to 2 minutes and then turn off heat control. Cover, and let stand for at least 1 hour. Drain off soaking water and remove beans. Dry multi-cooker.

Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Add oil and brown chicken. Add onion, carrot, garlic, and jalapeño; sauté 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in beans, chicken stock, brown sugar, vinegar, chili powder, oregano, and allspice. Bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer until beans are tender, about 1 hour.

4 servings

Corn, Pepper, and Potato Chowder

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red pepper
- 1 can chopped green chilies
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon cumin

- 2 cups chicken stock or broth
- 2 cups peeled, cubed red potatoes
- 2 cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Preheat multi-cooker at 350°. Add oil and sauté onion, pepper, and chilies 2 minutes or until tender. Stir in the flour and the cumin; cook 1 minute. Add stock and potatoes; bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender and liquid is thickened. Add corn, milk, salt, and pepper; cook 5 minutes or until heated through.

6 servings

Southwest Stew

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| 2 | tablespoons vegetable oil | 1 | can (14- to 15-ounce) pinto beans |
| 4 | boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-inch pieces | 1 | can (14- to 15-ounce) stewed tomatoes |
| 1 | green bell pepper, cut into ¾-inch pieces | 1 | cup whole kernel corn |
| 1 | red bell pepper, cut into ¾-inch pieces | 1 | cup salsa, desired level of spiciness |
| 1 | jalapeño pepper, chopped | 1 | tablespoon chili powder |
| 1 | cup coarsely chopped purple onion | 2 | teaspoons ground cumin |
| 2 | cloves garlic, minced | ½ | teaspoon salt |
| | | | Fresh cilantro (optional) |

Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Add oil and brown chicken. Add peppers, onion, and garlic and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add beans, tomatoes, corn, salsa, chili powder, cumin, and salt. Bring to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

6 servings

Braise

Spiced Pot Roast

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| 1 | teaspoon nutmeg | ½ | cup brown sugar |
| 1 | teaspoon cinnamon | 1 | cup red wine |
| 1 | teaspoon salt | 1 | cup water |
| ½ | teaspoon ginger | 2 | small onions, sliced |
| ⅛ | teaspoon pepper | 1 | clove garlic, minced |
| 1 | (2- to 3-pound) beef pot or chuck roast | 4 | bay leaves |
| 1 | tablespoon vegetable oil | | |

Combine nutmeg, cinnamon, salt, ginger, and pepper; rub into all surfaces of the meat. Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Add oil and brown meat. Dissolve brown sugar in wine and water and pour into multi-cooker. Add onions, garlic, and bay leaves. Bring liquid to a boil. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer 1 to 3 hours or until tender.

6 to 8 servings

Braise your favorite piece of meat or poultry. Combine the following ingredients, picking ones with compatible flavors. Figure two to four servings per pound of meat or poultry.

Start with 1½ to 3 pounds of beef, pork, or poultry.

Blade Roast	English Cut	Rib Roast	Sirloin Roast
Boston Butt	Flank Steak	Round Roast	Turkey Breast
Brisket	Fore Shank	Rump Roast (boneless)	Whole Chicken
Chuck Roast	Pot Roast	Rump Roast (standing)	

Preheat multi-cooker at 375°. Brown meat in vegetable oil.

Add up to a total of 2 cups of any of these liquids.

Beer	Carbonated Beverage	Fruit Juice	Tomato Juice
Broth	Coffee	Red Wine	Water

Add a pinch or two of spices of your choice.

Basil	Dry Soup Mix	Onion	Sage
Bay Leaf	Garlic	Oregano	Salt
Celery	Marjoram	Pepper	Thyme
Dill	Mustard	Rosemary	

Bring liquid to a boil and then turn heat control down until pilot light goes out. Cover and simmer 1 to 3 hours or until tender. Add additional liquid as necessary.

Steam

Fish

Place one to two cups of water, wine, or herb-flavored broth into multi-cooker. Set heat control at 250°. Remove handle from basket. Place one layer of fish fillets in basket and, using tongs, attach basket to multi-cooker rim with steam hook. Cover and steam 5 to 10 minutes or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Fresh Vegetables

Place two cups water in the multi-cooker. Set heat control at 250°. Remove handle from basket. Place vegetables in basket and, using tongs, attach basket to rim of the multi-cooker with steam hook. Cover and steam as indicated below. Steaming time begins once water starts to boil. Add additional water as necessary.

Type of Vegetable	Steaming Time	Type of Vegetable	Steaming Time
Asparagus, thin spears	3–4 minutes	Cauliflower, whole head	18–20 minutes
Asparagus, thick spears	4–5 minutes	Cauliflower, florets	7–9 minutes
Beans, whole	7–8 minutes	Corn, on cob	10–15 minutes
Beans, 1-inch pieces	7–8 minutes	Kale, cut into strips	6–7 minutes
Beets, 2½- to 3-inch diameter	35–40 minutes	Parsnips, ¼-inch slices	6–7 minutes
Broccoli, spears	5–7 minutes	Potatoes (white), small (1 to 2 ounces each) whole	13–15 minutes
Broccoli, florets	5–7 minutes	Potatoes (white), medium, quartered	13–15 minutes
Brussels Sprouts, 1- to 1½-inch diameter	9–11 minutes	Potatoes (sweet), 1-inch slices	17–19 minutes
Cabbage, 2-inch wedges	15–20 minutes	Rutabaga, ¾- to 1-inch slices	20–22 minutes
Carrots, whole	18–22 minutes	Spinach, whole leaves	3–4 minutes
Carrots, ¼-inch slices	6–7 minutes	Squash (yellow, crookneck, zucchini), ¼-inch slices	5–7 minutes
Carrots, baby-cut	11–14 minutes	Turnips, ¾- to 1-inch slices	10–12 minutes

Boil

Pasta

Following package directions, place water and salt into multi-cooker. Set heat control at 250°. Bring water to a rolling boil. Add pasta gradually so that the boiling is not disturbed. Continue to boil uncovered until pasta is tender. Drain. Basket may be used for draining cooked pasta.

Fluffy Rice

Place two cups rice, one teaspoon salt (optional), and specified amount of water in multi-cooker. Set heat control at 250°. Cover and bring to a vigorous boil, stirring once. Turn heat control down until pilot light goes out and simmer for the specified amount of time. Turn heat control to OFF and let stand, covered, for five minutes. Fluff with fork.

Type	Liquid	Cooking Time	Type	Liquid	Cooking Time
White, long-grain	4 cups	15–18 minutes	White, short-grain	3½ cups	18–23 minutes
White, medium-grain	3½ cups	15–18 minutes	Brown	4 cups	45–50 minutes

Deep Fry

When using the multi-cooker for deep frying, you will need to attach the handle to the basket as instructed on page 2. Prior to each use, make sure the lock bar on the basket handle is in the down (locked) position; see page 2, Fig. C.

Important Safety Information

- Do not let the cord hang or drape over the counter or table edge within reach of children.
- Remove the cover from the multi-cooker while the oil is heating and while frying.
- Always remove the plug from the wall outlet, then remove the heat control from the multi-cooker when not in use.

WARNING! Burn Hazards

- Hot oil can cause serious and painful burns. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- **Oil and water do not mix.** The combination can be dangerous. When the oil is heated, any water droplets in the oil superheat, becoming a volatile steam that can cause hot oil to spatter, boil over, or even erupt out of the multi-cooker. Always remove ice crystals and excess moisture from foods by patting them dry with paper towels before frying.
- Uncooked potatoes contain a high percentage of moisture and extreme caution must be used when frying.
- Use caution when frying doughs, such as beignets, donuts, dumplings, hushpuppies, and fritters. These foods may develop air bubbles during heating, which may burst and cause burns. Use a slotted spoon or tongs, rather than a fork, to turn food during frying and to remove food from oil.
- Use caution when frying flour tortillas. Flour tortillas contain air bubbles. During frying, oil can become trapped within these bubbles. If not properly drained, the bubbles can burst and cause burns. Accordingly, after frying, carefully raise the tortillas out of the vegetable oil and allow to drain for approximately 30 seconds.
- Always allow the appliance to cool completely before moving, removing oil, or cleaning.

Helpful Hints

- Fry foods of uniform size and thickness as they will fry more evenly and at the same speed. Do not overfill the basket. Frying too much food at once lowers the oil temperature and causes food to absorb too much oil.
- Use only heat-resistant utensils. Hot oil damages most plastic or rubber utensils. Do not leave metal utensils in the multi-cooker as they will become hot and can cause injury.
- Avoid preheating the oil longer than necessary and turn off the multi-cooker once the last batch of food has been removed. The longer the oil is heated, the more it deteriorates.
- Use vegetable oils, such as peanut, canola, corn, sunflower, soybean, and light olive oil, which can withstand the high temperatures required for deep frying. Do not use extra virgin olive oil or other vegetable oils as they deteriorate at temperatures below those required for deep frying.
- Do not use solid fat (shortening, butter, margarine, lard). Solid fat will not melt uniformly and will cause severe smoking.
- When breading food, use any type of flour, corn meal, fine bread or cracker crumbs, or commercial breading to coat food. To get breading to adhere better to food, dip food first in a mixture of egg and milk; see Crispy Coating recipe on page 9.
- Foods that are battered may stick to the basket; therefore, you may wish to fry these foods without the basket. If, however, you want to use the basket, lower it into the oil before placing battered foods in the oil. When using the multi-cooker without the basket, a heat-resistant scoop should be used to add or remove foods.

Handling Oil after Frying

After frying foods, allow the oil to cool. To strain oil for reuse, place a funnel into the original oil container or other airtight container and line the funnel with a filter or a double thickness of cheesecloth. Slowly pour the oil into funnel. Store the oil in a cool, dark area.

The number of times the oil can be reused will depend on the type of oil used and the food that is fried in it. For example, the oil will need to be replaced more often if fish or food coated with bread or cracker crumbs is fried frequently. Replace the oil if it is dark in color, has an unpleasant odor, smokes when heated, or foams excessively during frying.

How To Fry

1. Place multi-cooker on a dry, level, heat-resistant surface, away from the wall and the edge. Do not let the cord hang or drape over the edge of the counter or table within reach of children. Remove the cover from the multi-cooker

NOTICE: To prevent possible heat damage to your countertop, place a heat-resistant counter protector, such as aluminum foil, under the multi-cooker, taking care not to place the foil under the legs.

2. Fill multi-cooker with vegetable oil up to the oil level line, which is located on the inside of the multi-cooker. Never use more than seven, 8-ounce cups of vegetable oil.
3. Plug the cord into a 120VAC wall outlet only. Set the heat control at 400° and preheat for 20 minutes. Leave the heat control at 400° for frying.
4. While the oil is preheating, prepare the food for frying. Remove any excess moisture by patting dry with paper towels. Moist foods cause excess foaming and spattering. Place the basket on countertop. The basket can be filled to the rim for most foods.

CAUTION! For homemade fries, only fill basket ½ full. Overfilling can result in oil boiling over which may cause burns or damage to the multi-cooker.

5. Once the oil has preheated, slowly lower the basket into the oil and fry food until golden brown.

If the oil starts to boil up too quickly lift the basket out of the oil for a couple of seconds, then lower it again. Repeat as necessary until the basket is completely lowered into the multi-cooker.

WARNING! To prevent the risk of personal injury or property damage, use caution when cooking with hot oil.

6. When the frying time has elapsed, make sure the food is golden brown. Then lift the basket and hook it onto the multi-cooker rim to allow the oil to drain from the food.
7. Allow oil to cool completely before straining or before moving or cleaning the multi-cooker.

Type of Food	Frying Time
Chicken, raw, breaded	13–18 minutes
Fish, raw, battered or breaded	3–4 minutes
Fish, frozen	7–8 minutes
French fries, frozen	11–12 minutes

Type of Food	Frying Time
French fries, homemade (see recipe on page 9)	10–12 minutes
Onion rings, frozen	2–3 minutes
Onion rings, raw, battered	1½–2½ minutes
Shrimp, raw, breaded or battered	3–5 minutes

Recipes

Homemade French Fries (*Double Fry Method*)

Peel medium potatoes, if desired, and cut into ¼- to ½-inch thick strips. Place into large bowl and cover with hot tap water. Soak potato strips for 15 minutes or until ready to fry. Rinse, drain, and pat dry with paper towels.

Because uncooked potatoes contain a high percentage of moisture, extreme care must be used when deep frying. Thoroughly dry potato strips before deep frying. Fill basket only ½ full. Slowly lower filled basket into oil. Do not use cover.

If the oil starts to boil up too quickly, lift the basket out of the oil for a couple of seconds, then lower it again. Repeat as necessary until the basket is completely lowered into the multi-cooker.

Fry for 3 to 4 minutes until fries are cooked through but not browned. Drain; let stand to cool for at least 10 minutes, but not more than 2 hours. Just before serving, fry potatoes at 400° for 7 to 8 minutes or until golden brown.

Crispy Coating

½ cup milk
1 egg

Flour
Salt and Pepper

Whisk milk and egg together in a small bowl. Mix flour and seasonings together in a medium bowl. Dip food into milk-egg mixture, then coat in seasoned flour. Fry according to timetable on page 8.

Apple Pie Fritters

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup milk, minus 1 tablespoon
1 tablespoon brandy
1 egg yolk

1 tablespoon butter, melted
¼ cup sugar
½ tablespoon ground cinnamon
4–5 apples, peeled, cored, sliced ¼ inch thick
2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
2 egg whites

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt together in a medium bowl. Whisk milk, brandy, egg yolk, and melted butter together in a small bowl. Gradually stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients until smooth. Set aside. Mix sugar and cinnamon together. Sprinkle mixture over both sides of apple slices, saving remainder to dust over finished fritters. Then sprinkle slices lightly with nutmeg.

Beat egg whites in a small bowl until they are stiff, but not dry. Fold into reserved batter. Dip several apple slices into batter to coat evenly, letting the excess drip off. Carefully place 3 to 4 slices at a time into preheated oil. Fry for 3 to 4 minutes, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle both sides of fried slices with reserved cinnamon and sugar mixture. Serve warm.

Quesadilla Crispers

4 ounces fresh sausage (chorizo, Italian, etc.)
1 cup refried beans
¼ cup finely chopped onion
¼ cup diced canned green chiles, drained

4 ounces jalapeño jack cheese, shredded (1 cup)
8 (7-inch) flour tortillas
1 tablespoon flour
2 tablespoons cold water

Cook sausage in a small skillet until done, breaking it up as it cooks. Mix sausage, beans, onion, chiles, and cheese together. *Makes about 1½ cups.*

Cut tortillas into quarters. Place about 1 teaspoon of bean mixture in center. Brush edges with mixture of flour and water. Fold tortilla in half and press to seal; keep covered as you work. Continue until all are made. *Makes 32.*

Let stand 5 minutes before frying to allow edges to stick together. Fry 3 or 4 at a time for 2 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

Consumer Service Information

If you have any questions regarding the operation of your Presto® appliance or need parts for your appliance, contact us by any of these methods:

- Call 1-800-877-0441 weekdays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Central Time)
- Email us through our website at www.GoPresto.com/contact
- Write: National Presto Industries, Inc.
Consumer Service Department
3925 North Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703-3703

Inquiries will be answered promptly by telephone, email, or letter. When emailing or writing, please include a phone number and a time when you can be reached during weekdays. When contacting the Consumer Service Department, please indicate the model and series numbers of the multi-cooker. These numbers can be found on the bottom of the plug guard. Please record this information:

Model _____ Series _____ Date Purchased _____

The Presto Factory Service Department is equipped to service Presto® appliances and supply genuine Presto™ replacement parts. Genuine Presto™ replacement parts are manufactured to the same exacting quality standards as Presto® appliances and are engineered specifically to function properly with its appliances. Presto can only guarantee the quality and performance of genuine Presto™ replacement parts. “Look-alikes” might not be of the same quality or function in the same manner. To ensure that you are buying genuine Presto™ replacement parts, look for the Presto® trademark.

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