

# Herb-Marinated Pork Tenderloins

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Ingredients:

1 lemon, zest grated

¾ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (4-6 lemons)

Good olive oil

2 tbl. minced garlic cloves (6 cloves)

1 ½ tbl. minced fresh rosemary leaves

1 tbl. chopped fresh thyme leaves

2 tsp. Dijon mustard

Kosher salt

3 pork tenderloins (about 1 pound each)

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Combine the lemon zest, lemon juice, ½ cup olive oil, garlic, rosemary, thyme, mustard and 2 tsp. salt in a sturdy 1-gallon resealable plastic bag. Add the pork tenderloins and turn to coat with the marinade. Squeeze out the air and seal the bag. Marinate the pork in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours but preferably overnight.

Preheat the oven to 400°. Remove the tenderloins from the marinade and discard the marinade but leave the herbs that cling to the meat. Sprinkle the tenderloins generously with salt and pepper. Heat 3 tbl. olive oil in a large oven-proof sauté pan over medium-heat. Sear the pork tenderloins on all sides until golden brown. Place the sauté pan in the oven and roast the tenderloins for 10-15 minutes or until the meat registers 137° at the thickest part. Transfer the tenderloins to a platter and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Allow to rest for 10 minutes. Carve into ½-inch-thick diagonal slices. The thickest part of the tenderloin will be quite pink (it's just fine!) and the thinnest part will be well done. Season with salt and pepper and serve warm, or at room temperature with the juices that collect in the platter.

~ Credit: Ina Garten