

Pumpkin Sloppy Joes

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 hamburger buns, split
- American cheese slices

Directions:

In a large skillet or saucepan, brown ground beef. Drain fat. Add onion and garlic; cook until tender. Stir in the pumpkin, tomato sauce, brown sugar, mustard, chili powder and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, if desired, cut cheese slices into shapes (triangles, half-circles, etc.) to make pumpkin faces. Spoon meat mixture onto buns; top with cheese shapes. Broil just until cheese melts. Serve immediately with bun top off to side. **Yield:** 8 servings.