Poached Pears With Chocolate-Cranberry Sauce

This elegant dessert is the perfect ending to a fall meal. Getting in those fruit servings never tasted so good!

**Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 1/4 cup water
- 4 medium pear(s), peeled, cored with stem intact and sliced in half
- 6 oz canned cranberry sauce, jellied
- 3 Tbsp milk chocolate chips, (or 1 1/2 oz)
- 1/2 cups raspberries

**Instructions**

- Bring juice and water to a boil in a large saucepan over high heat; place pears in pan, cover and simmer on low heat until pears are tender when pierced with a fork, about 15 minutes (turn pears several times during cooking). Remove saucepan from heat, let cool to room temperature and refrigerate until ready to serve.

- Combine cranberry sauce and chocolate chips in a medium saucepan; melt over medium heat, whisking occasionally, until smooth.

- Remove pears from liquid; drain. To serve, spoon about 2 1/2 tablespoons chocolate-cranberry sauce onto each of 4 dessert plates. Top each with 2 pear halves and decorate with 2 tablespoons of raspberries. Serve immediately.