Stew Loonard's How to Carve a Whole Turkey

Remove the Drumsticks



With a sharp knife, slice through the skin between the breast and drumstick.



Once you get to the wing joint, move your knife to the outside of the turkey and make a long horizontal cut at the bottom of the rib cage.



Pull the drumstick and thigh away from the breast.



Cut in a single piece and place breast on a cutting board. Repeat on other side starting with Step 4.



Cut between the joint and the thigh. Repeat on other side starting with Step 1.

Remove the Breasts



Cut down the center of the breastbone along one side.



With the tip of your knife, cut each wing at its shoulder joint and place off to the side.

side. Slice the Breast Meat



Follow the curve of the breastbone and cut down the side, staying as close to the bone as possible.



Slice each breast portion against the grain into ½-inch slices.

Plate and Serve

Remove the Wings



Arrange on a platter and serve.