

Sparkle Kitchen

Cashew Chicken (Makes 4 servings)

Ingredients

For the chicken:

2 large chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch chunks

2 eggs

1 cup flour

salt and pepper

6-8 cups frying oil (vegetable and peanut are good choices)

For the sauce:

3 cups chicken stock2 Tablespoons oyster sauce2 Tablespoons soy saucepinch of pepper2 Tablespoons flour

For serving: 3-4 sliced green onions about ½ cup chopped cashews 3-4 cups cooked jasmine rice



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Directions

Fill a large skillet with frying oil. The skillet should be big enough to allow the oil to be a few inches deep. Keeping little ones at a safe distance, heat the oil to 360-degrees Fahrenheit.

While the oil is heating, prepare your chicken. In a small bowl, whisk 2 eggs with a splash of water. In a separate bowl, mix the flour with a pinch of salt and pepper. Dredge each piece of chicken in flour, then egg, then flour again.

Preheat your oven to 200 degrees. Prepare a baking sheet with a cooling rack on top as a place to drain the chicken once it's fried.

By now, your oil should be about ready. Unless you have a huge skillet, you'll probably have to work in batches. Carefully add several pieces of chicken to the oil and fry for 4-5 minutes or until golden brown — pay more attention to the color than to your timer.

When the chicken is done, use a slotted spoon to remove it from the oil to your prepared bake sheet. Put the bake sheet in the oven so that the chicken stays warm while you prepare the remaining batches.

As you're working on the chicken, you can also begin preparing the sauce. Add the stock to a medium sauce pan and heat until boiling. Then whisk in the oyster sauce, soy sauce, and a pinch of pepper.

Add the 2 tablespoons of flour to a small bowl or jar. Add about ¼ cup of cold water and whisk (or put the jar lid on and shake) until the water and flour are well mixed. Add the mixture to the sauce, whisking constantly to incorporate the flour. (If you end up with lumps still, run the sauce through a fine mesh sieve to get rid of them.)

Plate the chicken with a scoop of rice, a few big spoonfuls of sauce, and a small handful of cashews and green onions.

Enjoy!

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