

MAMA'S LOVE LANGUAGE HAINAN CHICKEN RICE RECIPE

This is Jade's favorite dish. We hope you enjoy cooking this as much as Jade's family. Please send us a note on our instagram or website to let us know what you think!

Ingredients

for 6 servings

HAINANESE CHICKEN

3 lb whole chicken, giblets removed 1/4 cup kosher salt, divided 4 inch pieces fresh ginger, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch (6 mm) slices 1 bunch fresh scallion 1 gal cold water, plus more as needed 2 tablespoons sesame oil **HAINANESE RICE** $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sesame oil 2 tablespoons chicken fat, chopped 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups long grain rice, rinsed and drained

- 2 cups reserved chicken
- poaching broth

CHILI SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons sambal
- 2 tablespoons sriracha
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 tablespoons reserved
- chicken poaching broth

GINGER GARLIC SAUCE

2 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated

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2 tablespoons garlic, finely mincedkosher salt, to taste3 tablespoons peanut oil1 tablespoon rice vinegar

SOY DIPPING SAUCE

reserved fried garlic and ginger 1 tablespoon oyster sauce 3 tablespoons dark sweet soy sauce 1 tablespoon light soy sauce 2 tablespoons reserved chicken poaching broth 2 cucumbers, thinly sliced, for serving 1 bunch fresh cilantro, for serving

Preparation

- 1. To clean the chicken, rub all over with a handful of kosher salt, getting rid of any loose skin. Rinse the chicken well inside and out. Pat dry with paper towels.
- 2. Remove any excess fat from the chicken and set aside for later.
- 3. Season the chicken generously with salt. Stuff the chicken cavity with the ginger slices and scallions.
- 4. Place the chicken in a large stock pot, cover with cold water by 1 inch (2 cm), and season with salt to taste.
- 5. Bring to a boil over high heat, then immediately reduce the heat to low to maintain a simmer. Cover and cook for about 30 minutes, or until the internal temperature of the chicken reaches 165°F (75°C). Remove the pot from the heat.
- 6. Remove the chicken from the pot, reserving the poaching liquid for later, and transfer to an ice bath for 5 minutes to stop the cooking process and to keep the chicken skin springy. Discard the ginger and green onion.
- 7. After it's cooled, pat the chicken dry with paper towels and rub all over with sesame oil. This will help prevent the chicken from drying out.
- In a large wok or skillet, heat ¼ cup (60 ml) of sesame oil over medium-high heat. Add 2 tablespoons of reserved chopped chicken fat, the garlic, ginger, and salt, and fry until aromatic, about 10 minutes.
- Reserve ¼ of the fried garlic mixture, then add the rice to the remaining fried garlic and stir to coat. Cook for 3 minutes.

- 10. Transfer the rice to a rice cooker and add 2 cups (480 ml) of reserved poaching broth. Steam the rice for 60 minutes, or until tender.
- 11. While the rice is cooking, carve the chicken for serving.
- 12. Make the chili sauce: combine the sambal, Sriracha, sugar, garlic, ginger, lime juice, and chicken broth in a small bowl and stir to incorporate.
- 13. Make the ginger garlic sauce: in a small bowl, combine the ginger, garlic, salt, peanut oil, and rice vinegar, and stir to incorporate.
- 14. Make the soy sauce: in a small bowl, combine the reserved fried garlic and ginger with the oyster sauce, dark soy sauce, light soy sauce, and chicken broth, and stir to incorporate.
- 15. Serve the sliced chicken with the rice, dipping sauces, sliced cucumbers, and fresh cilantro.
- 16. Enjoy!

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