

## **JERNEJ KITCHEN**

# SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN WITH PINEAPPLE

Sweet and Sour Chicken with Pineapple is a quick, 30-Minute recipe. A delicious Chinese classic takeout made at home, perfect for any day of the year.

SERVES 4 PEOPLE

PREPARATION: 10 MINUTES

COOK: 20 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 30 MINUTES

## SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

2 tbsp (15g) cornstarch

2 tbsp (30g) packed light brown sugar

3 tbsp ketchup

1 tbsp light soy sauce

1 tbsp oyster sauce

2 tbsp rice vinegar

2 tbsp Chinese cooking wine (optional)

250 ml (1 cup) pineapple juice or water

1 garlic clove, finely diced

1 tsp fresh ginger, finely diced

#### CHICKEN

450 g (1 pound) chicken breast, skinless and boneless

1 egg

3 tbsp (35g) cornstarch

1/4 tsp baking powder

240 ml (1 cup) canola oil, for frying

2 tbsp peanut or canola oil, for

#### SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

Add cornstarch, brown sugar, ketchup, soy sauce, oyster sauce, vinegar, Chinese cooking wine (optional), pineapple juice, diced garlic, and diced ginger to a bowl. Stir to combine using a whisk. Set aside until needed.

#### TIP

Feel free to use canned pineapples in this recipe. Use the pineapple liquid in this step, instead of pineapple juice.

### DEEP FRY THE CHICKEN

Cut the chicken breast into larger pieces. Add to a bowl, season with salt, and pepper. In a separate bowl, stir to combine the egg, cornstarch, baking powder, pinch of salt, and two tablespoons of cold water. Coat the meat by dipping it in the cornstarch mixture. Place a large wok pan over mediumhigh heat. Add the canola oil. When the oil temperature reaches 175 °C / 350 °F, carefully drop half of the chicken into the hot oil and fry for 3 - 5 minutes, or until the chicken is golden-brown and crispy. Transfer to a wire rack lined with paper towels to drain any excess fat. Repeat with the rest of the chicken. Discard the rest of the oil and clean the wok using a paper towel.

#### SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN WITH PINEAPPLE

Add peanut oil or canola oil to the wok. Place the wok over high heat. Add the unsalted peanuts, peppers, and onion. Cook for 3 - 4 minutes for the vegetables to cook slightly. Add the cubed pineapple. Stir the sweet and sour sauce, then pour into the wok. Cook for 3 - 4 minutes on medium heat or until the sauce thickens slightly. Add the chicken, season with salt, then stir and serve with cooked rice and chopped spring onion or

veggies

scallions.

2 tbsp unsalted peanuts

1/2 yellow pepper, 1/2 red pepper, 1/2 green pepper, cut into smaller chunks

1 onion, cut into strips

100 g (1/2 cup) canned or fresh pineapple, cubed

1 spring onion

## TOOLS AND EQUIPEMENT

bowl whisk kitchen knife cutting board wok pan thermometer paper towels