

# **UCOOK**

# **Kung Pao Chicken**

with steamed jasmine rice & green beans

Crispy chicken strips, crunchy green beans, and piquanté peppers are marinated in a delicious sweet, salty, and spicy concoction before being poured over fluffy jasmine rice. Garnished with toasted peanuts, spring onion greens, and Banhoek's chilli oil. Balance and flavour are the names of the game in this amazing dish!

Hands-on Time: 35 minutes

Overall Time: 45 minutes

**Serves:** 3 People

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Adventurous Foodie

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## Ingredients & Prep

60g

90ml

300g

2

2

2

3

105ml

90g

300ml lasmine Rice rinse

> **Peanuts** roughly chop

450g Free-range Chicken Mini Fillets

Cornflour

Onions

Green Beans

rinse, trim & cut in half

peel & roughly slice 11/2

peel & grate 30g Fresh Ginger peel & grate

Fresh Chillies rinse, trim, deseed & finely

Garlic Cloves

slice Spring Onions rinse, trim & finely slice, keeping the white & green parts separate

Kung Pao Sauce (45ml Rice Wine, 45ml Low Sodium Soy Sauce & 15ml Sesame Oil) Piquanté Péppers

3 sachets Banhoek Chilli Oil

#### From Your Kitchen

Paper Towel

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut) Salt & Pepper Water Sugar/Sweetener/Honey

1. FLUFFY RICE Place the rinsed rice in a pot with 600ml of salted water. Cover with a lid and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until

the water has been absorbed, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and steam, 8-10 minutes. Fluff with a fork and cover.

2. GOLDEN PEANUTS Place the chopped peanuts in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

3. CRISPY CHICKEN Pat the chicken dry with paper towel and cut in half. Place the cornflour in a bowl and season. Coat the chicken pieces in the flour, dusting off any excess before transferring to a plate. Return the pan to medium-high heat with enough oil to cover the base. When hot, shallow-fry the floured chicken until crispy and cooked through, 1-2 minutes. You might need to do this in batches. Remove from the pan,

drain on paper towel, and season.

4. CHARRED GREENS Return the pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil (if necessary). When hot, fry the green beans until starting to char, 5-6 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan, season, and set aside.

5. KUNG PAO SAUCE Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of

oil. When hot, fry the sliced onions until browned, 5-6 minutes (shifting constantly). Add the grated garlic & ginger, and fry until fragrant, 1-2 minutes (shifting constantly). Add the sliced chilli (to taste) and the spring onion whites. Fry, 1-2 minutes (shifting constantly). Pour in the Kung Pao sauce, a sweetener, and 3 tbsp of water. Simmer until reduced, 30-60 seconds.

6. ALL TOGETHER NOW! When the sauce is done, toss through the cooked chicken, the charred green beans, and the chopped peppers until heated through, 2-3 minutes. Season, remove from the heat, and set aside.

7. GRAB THE PLATES Serve up a glorious bed of steaming rice and top with the saucy chicken & beans. Drizzle with any remaining pan juices. Scatter over the toasted nuts and the spring onion greens, and finish with a drizzle of chilli oil (to taste).

## **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy 703kl 168kcal Energy Protein 8.9g Carbs 20g of which sugars 2.4g Fibre 1.7g Fat 5.2g of which saturated 0.7g Sodium 167mg

### **Allergens**

Gluten, Allium, Sesame, Peanuts, Wheat, Sulphites, Alcohol, Soy

> Eat Within 2 Days