

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 x 425g can pineapple chunks
- 2 tbsp cornflour
- 2 tbsp dark soy sauce
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp soft light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 medium onion, cut into wedges
- 2 peppers, cut into 3cm chunks
- 1 x 225g can water chestnuts
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 25g piece ginger, finely grated
- Freshly ground back pepper

THIS RECIPE IS A LOW CALORIE VERSION OF A POPULAR DISH, WITH 288 CALORIES PER PORTION (WITHOUT RICE)

DIRECTIONS

1. To make the sauce, drain the pineapple in a sieve over a bowl and keep all the juice you should have about 150ml. Put the cornflour in a large bowl and stir in three tablespoons of the pineapple juice to make a smooth paste. Add the remaining juice and 150ml water, then stir in the soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, ketchup and chilli flakes until thoroughly combined. Set aside

2. Cut each chicken breast into 8 or 9 even pieces. Heat a tablespoon of the oil in a large non stick frying pan or wok and stir fry the onion and peppers for 2 minutes over a high heat

3. Drain the water chestnuts and cut them in half. Add the remaining oil and the chicken to the pan and stir fry for 2 minutes until coloured on all sides

4. Add the garlic, ginger, pineapple chunks and water chestnuts and stir fry for 30-60 seconds. Give the cornflour mixture a good stir and add it to the pan with the chicken and vegetables. Stir well, season with some ground pepper and bring to a simmer

5. Cook for 4-6 minutes until the sauce is thickened and glossy and the chicken is tender and cooked through, turning the chicken and vegetables a few times.

6. Serve with a small portion of rice