

Instant Pot Whole Chicken Recipe With Garlic Herb Butter

Ingredients

4 sprigs Fresh rosemary (divided)
100g Butter (softened)
1 head Garlic (4 cloves minced, remaining ones peeled and whole)
2 tsp Sea salt
1/2 tsp Paprika
1/2 tsp Black pepper
1 5-lb Whole chicken

Method

1. Remove the leaves from half the rosemary (2 sprigs) and half the thyme (6 sprigs). (Set the remaining whole sprigs aside.) Chop the rosemary finely.
2. In a small bowl, mash together the butter, 4 cloves minced garlic, chopped rosemary, salt, paprika, and pepper. Set aside.
3. Use paper towels to pat the chicken VERY dry inside and out, so that the herb butter sticks better. (For food safety reasons, it's better NOT to rinse it.)
4. Place the whole chicken, breast side up, on a trivet in the slow cooker.
5. Starting from the cavity side of the chicken, gently insert your hands underneath the skin to separate the skin from the meat, including the breast, thighs and legs. Be careful not to tear the skin.
6. Use your hands to rub half the garlic herb butter all over underneath the skin. Rub the remaining butter all over the top and sides of the chicken.
7. Stuff the remaining 2 whole rosemary sprigs inside the chicken cavity.
8. Cover the slow cooker and cook for 4-5 hours on High.
9. If your garlic butter didn't spread well in the beginning, you can lift the lid about an hour into cooking and use a pastry brush to spread the herb butter more evenly over the top and sides of the chicken.
10. Toward the end, preheat the oven at 220C and bake the chicken on a baking tray for 20 minutes.
11. Let the chicken rest for 10 minutes on a plate before carving.