FOOD&WINE



Sesame-Coated Chicken with Broccoli

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TOTAL TIME: 35 MIN

ACTIVE: 25 MIN

FAST

SERVINGS: 4

In this quick dish, F&W's Marcia Kiesel coats chicken pieces with sesame seeds before sautéing, then coats them in a spicy ginger-garlic sauce.

Amazing Chicken Recipes

Ducy Schaeffer

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces

Salt and freshly ground pepper

All-purpose flour, for dusting

1/4 cup sesame seeds, preferably unhulled

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

1 large garlic clove, minced

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 pound broccoli, stems peeled and cut into 1/4 inch thick rounds, tops cut into florets

3 tablespoons oyster sauce

1/2 teaspoon Asian sesame oil

Steamed rice, for serving

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large bowl, season the chicken with salt and pepper, and toss with flour to coat thoroughly. Let the chicken stand for a few minutes, until the coating gets soggy. Pour 3 tablespoons of the vegetable oil over the chicken and toss to coat, then coat the chicken with the sesame seeds.
- **2.** In a large nonstick skillet, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Add the chicken in an even layer and cook over high heat, undisturbed, until browned on the bottom, about 3 minutes. Turn the chicken and cook until browned on the second side, about 2 minutes. With tongs, transfer the chicken to a rimmed baking sheet and put it in the oven while you finish the dish.
- **3.** In the oil remaining in the skillet, cook the ginger, garlic and crushed red pepper over moderately high heat until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the chicken broth and boil over high heat until reduced by half, about 4 minutes. Add the broccoli, cover and cook until bright green and crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in the oyster sauce, season with salt and remove from the heat. Gently stir in the chicken and sesame oil and serve with steamed rice.