

CHICKEN IN HOT BEAN SAUCE

(Min See Gai)

1. Skin and bone chicken. Cut into 3/4" cubes. Place in a bowl.

2. Add seasoning ingredients to chicken. Mix well.

3. Cut green onions into ½" pieces.

4. Peel carrot. Cut into 1/2" dice.

5. Mash bean sauce to a paste.

6. Heat wok and add oil. Add garlic, chicken, and carrot and stir-fry for 2 minutes over high heat. Add hot bean sauce and mix thoroughly.

7. Add chicken stock. Bring mixture to a boil. Cover and cook for 2 minutes over high heat.

8. Add jicama and green onion. Cook for 1 minute.

9. Stir in thickener. Cook for 30 seconds. Serve.

Advance preparation: Steps 1-7 may be done a few hours in advance and kept at room temperature.

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1 whole chicken breast
2 green onions
1 medium-sized carrot
1½ tbsp. hot bean sauce
2 tbsp. oil
1 tbsp. finely chopped garlic

½ c. chicken stock 3/4 c. diced (½") jicama

Seasoning:

1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. thin soy sauce
1 tsp. oyster sauce
1 tsp. white wine
1 tsp. cornstarch

Thickener:

2 tsp. cornstarch, mixed well with L tsp. cold water

Serves 4

Can use baby corn or bamboo shoots instead.

Chopsticks, Cleaver, and Wok: Homestyle Chinese Cooking by Jennie Low (Chronicle Books, San Francisco, 01987)