Kung Pao Chicken over Rice

Servings: 5

Ingredients:

CHICKEN

- 1 lb. skinless chicken breast, cut into strips
- 2 Tbl. soy sauce
- 1 Tbl. canola oil
- 1 Tbl. sesame oil
- 1 Tbl. minced garlic

SAUCE

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 2 Tbl. cornstarch (dissolved in 2 Tbl. water)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbl. ginger paste

EVERYTHING ELSE

- 2 cups broccoli
- 1 package (16 oz) frozen bell pepper strips (or 2 c. fresh)
- 4 green onions, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. carrots (cut into sticks or rounds)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes (dry spice)
- 2 ounces roasted peanuts, chopped

Directions:

Note: Make rice ahead of time following package, or rice cooker, directions.

- 1. Cut chicken into strips.
- 2. Heat canola and sesame oils in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, cook for 1 minute, then add chicken and soy sauce. Cook, stirring every 1 to 2 minutes, until golden brown, 7 to 9 minutes total. Remove chicken from pan and set aside.
- 3. Meanwhile, whisk water, cornstarch and ginger in a small bowl.
- 4. Add broccoli, carrots and bell peppers to the pan and cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to soften, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to low, add green onions and cook, stirring, until thickened, 2- to 3-minutes. Return the chicken to the pan along with peanuts and (if using) crushed red pepper. Stir to coat with sauce. Serve immediately with rice. Enjoy!

Nutrition:

Kung Pao Chicken (Serving size: 1 cup)

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calories: 292 protein: 26g total carbohydrate: 14.9g total fat: 13g sugars: 4.6g sodium: 535mg dietary fiber: 3.8g saturated fat: 1.8g
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½ cup rice:

calories: 108	protein: 2.5g	total carbohydrate: 22.4	g total fat: 0.9g
sugars: 0.3g	sodium: 4.8mg	dietary fiber: 1.4g	saturated fat: 0.2g

