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Chicken Creole

chicken with vegetables in a spicy Creole sauce

When I first came up with this recipe, Creole seasoning was readily available. Over time, however, its popularity waned and it is now hard to find. Because I didn't want to miss out on the unique flavour, I decided to experiment with the basic ingredients to produce my own mixture.

400-500g diced chicken 1 sliced onion 1 sliced carrot 1/2 cup frozen peas & corn 1 small can champignons pieces & stems **OR** 4 chopped button mushrooms 1 can diced tomatoes 1/2 cup water 1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil 1 Tbsp butter 2 Tbsps cream sherry 1 Tbsp plain flour 1 chicken stock cube 1/2 tsp salt ¹/₂ tsp garlic powder 1/4 tsp peri peri (optional) 1/4 tsp ground black pepper 1 tsp Creole seasoning (see below for recipe)



Melt butter in a fry pan with olive oil, then fry chicken until golden. Add onion, mushrooms and carrot and stir-fry until onion turns translucent. Reduce heat, add sherry, crumble stock cube over mix and continue stirring for 2 minutes.

Combine salt, pepper, garlic and Creole seasoning with flour, sprinkle over mix and toss well to coat ingredients. Add water and stir until mixture thickens.

Add tomatoes, peas & corn and mix well. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add more water if the mixture starts to dry out.

If a spicier result is desired, add peri peri during the simmer period, BUT taste first!

Before serving, remove cover and continue to heat until liquid has reduced - should be thick, but NOT dry.

Serves 4 – 6 with rice

Freezes well

Creole Seasoning

N.B. ingredients are in parts - teaspoons, grams, ounces, etc.

1 table salt	1 chicken stock powder	OR a crumbled stock cube
1½ fennel seeds	2 onion powder	1 garlic powder
1 paprika	1 cumin	1 thyme
1 chilli or peri peri		

Mix well and store in an air-tight spice jar

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