Miso-Butter Chicken

with Freekeh & Sautéed Carrots

PREP TIME: 10 minutes
COOK TIME: 20-30 minutes

SERVINGS: 2

Tonight, a simple combination of sweet miso paste and butter creates a sumptuous, flavorful glaze for pan-seared chicken. (We're also adding sautéed carrots and kale, turning the glazed chicken into a hearty stir-fry.) To complete the meal, a side of freekeh tossed with soy sauce is a savory counterpoint to the sweet, rich chicken and vegetables.



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Ingredients



10 oz CHOPPED CHICKEN BREAST



4 CARROTS



¹⁄2 cup CRACKED FREEKEH



1 bunch KALE



 $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \text{SCALLIONS} \end{array}$

KNICK KNACKS:



2 Tbsp BUTTER

1 Tbsp

RICE VINEGAR



2 Tbsp SWEET WHITE MISO PASTE



1 Tbsp SOY SAUCE

Did You Know?

This delicately flavored paste is fermented for less time than darker varieties.

















1 Prepare the ingredients:

- ☐ Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- ☐ Heat a small pot of salted water to boiling on high.
- Peel the carrots and thinly slice on an angle.
- Cut off and discard the root ends of the scallions; thinly slice on an angle, separating the white bottoms and green tops.
- ☐ Remove and discard the kale stems; roughly chop the leaves.
- ☐ In a bowl, combine the **miso paste** and **2 tablespoons of water**. Whisk until smooth.

2 Cook the freekeh:

- Add the **freekeh** to the pot of boiling water. Cook, uncovered, 20 to 22 minutes, or until tender. Turn off the heat.
- ☐ Drain thoroughly and return to the pot.
- ☐ Stir in the **soy sauce** and a drizzle of olive oil; season with salt and pepper to taste.

3 Cook the carrots:

- ☐ While the freekeh cooks, in a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- ☐ Add the carrots and white bottoms of the scallions; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes, or until slightly softened.

4 Add the kale:

- ☐ Add the **kale**; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes, or until slightly wilted.
- Add ¼ cup of water and cook, stirring occasionally, 2 to 3 minutes, or until the kale has wilted and the water has cooked off.
- Turn off the heat and stir in the **vinegar**. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to a bowl. Wipe out the pan.

5 Brown the chicken:

- While the freekeh continues to cook, pat the **chicken** dry with paper towels; season with salt and pepper.
- ☐ In the same pan, heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the seasoned chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes, or until lightly browned.

6 Finish & plate your dish:

- Add the **butter** and **miso-water mixture** to the pan. Cook, stirring frequently, 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until the butter has melted.
- Add the **cooked vegetables**. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes, or until thoroughly combined and the chicken is cooked through. Turn off the heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- ☐ Divide the **cooked freekeh** and finished chicken and vegetables between 2 dishes. Garnish with the **green tops of the scallions**. Enjoy!