# Chicken & Lemon-Caper Sauce

with Orzo Pasta & Broccoli

TIME: 35-45 minutes SERVINGS: 4

We're making a piccata-style sauce tonight with garlic, lemon juice, capers, and butter, creating a rich, bright topping for our chicken. (Cooking the sauce in the same pan used to sear the chicken gives it another layer of flavor.) Orzo, a rice-shaped pasta, offers hearty chew to complement plump tomatoes and tender broccoli.



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## **Ingredients**



4 BONELESS, SKINLESS CHICKEN BREASTS



1 LEMON



 $^{1\!/_{2}}$  lb Orzo pasta

1/2 lb

**BROCCOLI** 



HERITAGE GLOBE
OR COCKTAIL
TOMATOES



2 cloves GARLIC



3 Tbsps ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR



2 Tbsps BUTTER



3 Tbsps CRUMBLED FETA CHEESE



2 tsps

















### 1 Prepare the ingredients:

- ☐ Heat a large pot of salted water to boiling on high.
- ☐ Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- ☐ Cut off and discard the bottom 1/2 inch of the broccoli stem. Cut the broccoli into small pieces.
- Quarter the tomatoes; place in a bowl and season with salt and pepper.
- ☐ Peel and roughly chop the garlic.
- Quarter and deseed the lemon.

### 2 Blanch & shock the broccoli:

- ☐ Fill a large bowl with ice water; add **a pinch of salt**. Set aside. Add the **broccoli** to the pot of boiling water. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, or until bright green and slightly softened.
- ☐ Leaving the pot of water boiling, using a slotted spoon or strainer, immediately transfer the blanched broccoli to the bowl of ice water. Let stand until completely cool. Drain thoroughly and pat dry with paper towels.

### 3 Cook the pasta:

- Add the **pasta** to the same pot of boiling water; cook 7 to 9 minutes, or until just shy of al dente (still slightly firm to the bite).
- ☐ Turn off the heat. Reserving 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water, drain thoroughly and return to the pot.

#### 4 Coat & cook the chicken:

- ☐ While the pasta cooks, place the **flour** on a plate. Pat the **chicken** dry with paper towels; season with salt and pepper on both sides. Thoroughly coat the seasoned chicken in the flour (tapping off any excess).
- ☐ In a large pan, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the coated chicken and cook 4 to 6 minutes per side, or until lightly browned and cooked through. Leaving any browned bits (or fond) in the pan, transfer to a cutting board. Set aside in a warm place.

#### 5 Finish the pasta:

- While the chicken cooks, to the pot of **cooked pasta**, add the **seasoned** tomatoes, shocked broccoli, half the reserved pasta cooking water, and a drizzle of olive oil; season with salt and pepper.
- Cook on medium-high, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes, or until thoroughly combined. (If the pasta seems dry, gradually add the remaining pasta cooking water to achieve your desired consistency.) Turn off the heat; season with salt and pepper to taste.

# 6 Make the sauce & serve your dish:

- Add the **garlic** to the pan of reserved fond; season with salt and pepper. (If the pan seems dry, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil.) Cook on medium-high, stirring frequently, 1 to 2 minutes, or until lightly browned and fragrant.
- Add the capers, butter, ¼ cup of water, and the juice of all 4 lemon wedges (be careful, as the liquid may splatter); season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly and scraping up any fond, 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until the butter has melted and the sauce is slightly thickened. Turn off the heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- ☐ Slice the **cooked chicken** crosswise. Divide the **finished pasta** and cooked chicken among 4 dishes. Top the chicken with the sauce. Garnish the pasta with the **cheese**. Enjoy!