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Steamed Chicken with Shiitake and Red Dates

50 min · Serves 3 · 287 kcal a serve · Video 4:59 · Spice N' Pans

Dairy-free · Nut-free

Steamed rather than fried, with shiitake and red dates giving savoury depth and natural sweetness, so no sugar goes into the marinade. About 19 g of protein a serve; rich in selenium and vitamin B6.

Diet notes: Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari and a gluten-free oyster sauce and dark soy to keep it gluten-free.

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- [ ] 300 g **boneless chicken leg**, skin on, cut into bite-sized pieces
- [ ] **Soy sauce**: 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- [ ] ½ tbsp **oyster sauce**
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**
- [ ] **white pepper**, a few dashes
- [ ] 1 tsp **premium dark soy sauce**
- [ ] 6 **dried shiitake mushrooms**, rehydrated and sliced into strips
- [ ] 10 **dried red dates** (jujubes), pitted
- [ ] ½ thumb-sized piece of **young ginger**, grated
- [ ] 2 **spring onion stems** (white part), lightly smashed
- [ ] 1 tbsp **cornflour**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **sesame oil**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **goji berries** (optional)
- [ ] sliced **spring onion greens**, to garnish

Contains: Gluten, Molluscs, Sesame, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces, leaving the skin on. Mix with the light soy sauce, oyster sauce, salt, white pepper and dark soy sauce. 0:52
2. Add the sliced rehydrated shiitake, pitted red dates, grated ginger and smashed spring onion stems and mix well. 1:35
3. Stir in the cornflour until you can no longer see it, then mix in the sesame oil. Marinate in the fridge for at least 30 minutes; take it out 10–15 minutes before steaming. 2:28
4. Bring a pot of water to the boil over medium-high heat and set a steaming rack over it. Spread the chicken evenly on a heatproof (not glass) plate and scatter over the goji berries, if using. 3:04
5. Cover and steam for 10 minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Garnish with spring onion greens. 3:23

> **Tip** Serves 3–4 as part of a meal with steamed rice or porridge, as the cook suggests. Remove the skin for a leaner dish.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 3 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
287 kcal	19 g	18 g	2.1 g	16 g	920 mg
1,200 kJ	38% of a day	16 g net · 12 g sugars	7% of a day	3.8 g saturated	40% of a day
		7% of a day		20% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 23% · protein 27% · fat 50% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 33% · Vitamin B6 21%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 17% · Vitamin K 17% · Vitamin B12 10%

Recipe and video: Spice N' Pans (@spicenpans) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=kKVQ_ImYxdY, published 24 May 2025. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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