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One of the best ways to make a house into a home is to invite some friends over for a meal. If you try this recipe, let me know how it turns out for you. And if you have a favorite recipe of your own, send it my way.

## Chicken breasts with orange glaze

This recipe comes from a great cookbook—Betty Crocker's Cooking Basics. As with many dishes, the secret is in the sauce. This is an easy way to spice up a very simple dish.

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (appx 1 lb)

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 teaspoon cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon ground mustard (dry)

1/4 cup orange juice

2 tablespoons orange marmalade

1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1. Melt the butter in an 8-inch skillet over medium heat. Cook chicken in butter about 15 minutes, using tongs to turn the chicken over once. Chicken is done when a cut into the center of the thickest piece yields clear juice, not pink.
- 2. While the chicken is cooking, mix the cornstarch and mustard in a small bowl. Stir in the OJ, marmalade, and soy sauce. Mix well.
- 3. When the chicken is done, place it on a serving platter, and cover with aluminum foil to keep warm. Drain any excess liquid from the skillet.
- 4. Make the glaze by pouring the orange juice mixture into the same skillet. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue boiling and stirring for about 1 minute, until the glaze has thickened. Pour the glaze over the chicken on the serving plate.

Serve with rice and salad or fresh vegetables. Makes 4 servings, but you can easily double the recipe for larger gatherings. For variety, you can substitute apricot, peach, or lemon marmalade, or use Worcestershire instead of soy sauce for a more barbeque-like flavor.



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