

Chicken & Dumplings

Serves 6

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2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt + more to taste
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon brown sugar
4 tablespoons butter, softened
½ cup milk
4 boneless skinless chicken
breasts, each cut into 6 pieces
Pepper to taste
1 large onion, grated
3 cups chicken stock + more if
necessary
½ stalk celery, roughly chopped
2 whole peppercorns

Instructions: Sift flour, 1 teaspoon of salt, baking powder and sugar into a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of the butter and blend with fingers until evenly distributed. Add milk. Mix well with a spoon or your hands. Turn dough out onto a floured surface and roll until $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Cut into diamond shapes, about $\frac{1}{2}$ by 1 inch, with a sharp knife or pizza cutter. One at a time, tuck one corner of

diamond toward the center, and using your palm, roll dough into a torpedo shape. Set aside.

Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter in a wide, deep pan. Season chicken with salt and pepper, add the chicken and onions and cook 2-3 minutes or until chicken is browned. Add 3 cups chicken stock, or enough to cover chicken. Add celery and peppercorns. Simmer for 15-20 minutes, or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from pot, strain and reserve liquid, and return to stove and bring to a simmer. Add dumplings, season broth to taste, and cook on low for 15-20 minutes until dumplings are tender and cooked through. They will firm up the longer they cook, so don't simmer them for too long.

To serve, pour the sauce and the dumplings over the warm chicken.

Per serving: 320 calories, 25 g protein, 37 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat (4 g saturated), 63 mg cholesterol, 588 mg sodium, 2 g fiber.