

Pat and Gina's Oven-Fried Chicken

Recipe Source: Pat and Gina Neely, The Food Network Serves 6-8

Ingredients:

2 large eggs, beaten

1 Tbsp Dijon mustard

1 Tbsp honey

1 Tbsp hot sauce

Salt and ground black pepper

2 ½ cups panko bread crumbs

1 tsp salt

½ tsp ground black pepper

1/2 tsp smoked paprika

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

1/4 tsp garlic powder

8 pieces (3 lbs) bone-in, skinless chicken thighs and/or drumsticks

Steps:

- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Fit a sheet pan with a wire rack and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- In a pie plate or shallow bowl, whisk the eggs, mustard, honey, hot sauce, and a dash each of salt and pepper.
- Add the panko, 1 tsp salt, and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp black pepper, paprika, cayenne, and garlic powder to another pie plate and whisk to combine.
- Dredge the chicken through the wet mixture, then the dry mixture, patting the breading on so it adheres.
- Arrange pieces on the prepared rack on the baking sheet, leaving ample space between each piece of chicken.
- Give the chicken a spritz of cooking spray to help brown and crisp the coating.
- Put on the upper rack of the oven and bake until the chicken is golden and crisp. The temperature should register 160°F on a thermometer in the thickest part of the chicken, about 45 minutes.
- Transfer to a serving platter and serve.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: This recipe has a lot of heat, so decrease the hot sauce if desired. Panko bread crumbs create a perfect crispy coating, more than regular bread crumbs, and are usually found in the baking aisle.

<u>Nutritional Facts</u>: per serving Calories: 458, Carbohydrates: 31 grams, Protein: 47 grams, Total Fat: 15 grams, Saturated Fat: 4 grams, Cholesterol: 270 mg, Sodium: 640 mg, Fiber: 1 grams, Total Sugars: 2 grams.