# **CHICKEN KATSU** with Sesame-Dressed Cucumber & Jasmine Rice



# HELLO -KATSU

Japanese-style fried cutlets, breaded in panko and served with a warm, tangy-sweet sauce



Katsu Sauce (Contains: Soy, Wheat)

Chicken Cutlets

Super Select Cucumber

Scallions



Mayonnaise

(Contains: Eggs)

Panko Breadcrumbs (Contains: Wheat)





Garlic Powder Asian Sesame Dressing (Contains: Eggs)

## **START STRONG**

In step 3, you'll be pounding chicken to a ½-inch thickness to help with quick and even cooking. For best results, use a flat work surface and apply uniform pressure with a meat mallet or heavybottomed pan (we love a cast-iron skillet for the job). Bonus: You might just relieve some weeknight stress while you're at it!

#### **BUST OUT**

Large pan

- Small pot Meat mallet
- Peeler
- Medium bowl
   Small bowl
- Paper towels
   Kosher salt
- Plastic wrap
   Black pepper
- Vegetable oil (1 tsp + more for frying)
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP) (Contains: Milk)

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Ingredient 2-person   4-person	
Scallions	2   4
Jasmine Rice	½ Cup   1 Cup
Super Select Cucum	ber 1 2
Asian Sesame Dressi	ng 1.5 oz   1.5 oz
Chicken Cutlets	10 oz   20 oz
Garlic Powder	1 tsp   2 tsp
Panko Breadcrumbs	½ Cup   1 Cup
Cornstarch	1 TBSP   2 TBSP
<ul> <li>Mayonnaise</li> </ul>	2 TBSP   4 TBSP
Katsu Sauce	4 TBSP   8 TBSP

\* Chicken is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 165 degrees.



## COOK RICE

Wash and dry all produce. Trim and thinly slice scallions, separating whites from greens. Heat a drizzle of oil in a small pot over medium-high heat. Add scallion whites and cook until softened, 1 minute. Stir in ¾ cup water (1½ cups water for 4 servings) and rice. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to low. Cook until rice is tender, 15-18 minutes. Keep covered off heat until ready to serve.



## MARINATE CUCUMBER

While rice cooks, trim, peel, and halve **cucumber** lengthwise. Scoop out seeds with a spoon and discard. Thinly slice cucumber crosswise. Place in a medium bowl and toss with half the **dressing** (use all the dressing for 4 servings).



## **3** POUND CHICKEN Pat chicken dry with paper towels. Place between two pieces of plastic wrap and pound with a meat mallet or heavy-bottomed pan until ½ inch thick. Season all over with garlic powder, salt, and pepper.



**BREAD CHICKEN** On a shallow dish or plate, combine **panko**, **cornstarch**, and **salt** (we used ½ tsp kosher salt; 1 tsp for 4 servings). Brush a thin layer of **mayonnaise** onto both sides of **chicken** (you may not use all the mayo). Working one piece at a time, press chicken into **panko mixture**, coating all over.



**5 COOK CHICKEN** Heat a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>-inch layer of **oil** in a large, preferably nonstick, pan over mediumhigh heat. Once oil is hot enough that a pinch of breadcrumbs sizzles when added to the pan, add **chicken**. Cook until panko is golden brown and chicken is cooked through, 2-3 minutes per side. (For 4 servings, cook in batches.) (**TIP:** Thinner pieces will cook faster.) Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate.



## FINISH & SERVE Place katsu sauce in a small

microwave-safe bowl; microwave until warm, 20 seconds. Fluff **rice** with a fork; stir in **1 TBSP butter** (2 TBSP for 4 servings) and season with **salt** and **pepper**. Divide rice, **chicken**, and **cucumber** between plates. Drizzle chicken with katsu sauce to taste (or serve on the side for dipping). Garnish chicken with **scallion greens** and serve.

# – KATSU LATER

Try making this crispy dish again with pork cutlets (also known as *tonkatsu*). NK 26 NJ-18



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