

# **PORK KATSU**

with Sesame Roasted Carrots & Ginger Rice



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#### **HELLO**

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This Japanese dish, also called tonkatsu, combines panko-breaded and fried cutlets with a warm, tangy-sweet sauce.

## WE'RE BIASED, BUT ...

Why do we instruct you to slice the carrots on a diagonal in step 1? This knife technique, called a bias cut, maximizes surface area so the carrots get extra-caramelized in the oven. Another bonus? The presentation—we love the look of those angled slices!

#### **BUST OUT**

- Peeler
- Baking sheet
- Small pot
- Paper towels
- Zip-close bag
- Medium bowl
- Large pan
- Small bowl
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Cooking oil (1 TBSP
  + more for frying)
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP)
  Contains: Milk
- Medium bowl
- Plastic wrap 😒

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\*Pork is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 145°.



#### 1 PREP

- Adjust rack to top position and preheat oven to 425 degrees. Wash and dry produce.
- Trim, peel, and cut carrots on a diagonal into ½-inch-thick pieces. Peel and mince or grate ginger. Trim and thinly slice scallions, separating whites from greens.



#### **2 ROAST CARROTS**

- Toss carrots on a baking sheet with a large drizzle of oil, salt, and pepper. Roast on top rack until tender, 20-25 minutes.
- Once roasted, carefully toss with
  sesame seeds.



# **3 COOK RICE**

- While carrots roast, heat a drizzle of oil in a small pot over medium-high heat. Add ginger and scallion whites: cook, stirring, until fragrant, 1 minute.
- Stir in rice and 34 cup water (1¼ cups for 4 servings). 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.
- Place cauliflower rice, ginger, and scallion whites in a medium microwave-safe bowl (large bowl for 4 servings). Cover tightly with plastic wrap and poke a few holes in wrap. Microwave until tender, 5 minutes. Carefully uncover (watch out for steam!) and set aside. (Save jasmine rice for another use.)



#### 6 FINISH & SERVE

- Place katsu sauce in a small microwavesafe bowl; microwave until warmed through, 30 seconds.
- Fluff **rice** with a fork; stir in **1 TBSP butter** (2 TBSP for 4 servings) and season with **salt** and **pepper**.
- Divide rice, pork, and carrots between plates. Drizzle pork with katsu sauce.
   Sprinkle with scallion greens and serve.
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#### 4 COAT PORK

- Meanwhile, pat **pork\*** dry with paper towels.
- Place **panko**, **garlic powder**, **salt** (we used 1 tsp; 2 tsp for 4 servings), and **pepper** in a gallon-size zip-close bag.
- Place **sour cream** in a medium bowl; add pork and turn to evenly coat.
- Add coated pork to bag with seasoned panko and seal to close. Shake until pork is evenly coated. TIP: You may need to move around cutlets in bag, pressing with your hands, to spread out panko and make it stick.



## **5 COOK PORK**

- Heat a ¼-inch layer of oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Once oil is shimmering and hot enough that a pinch of panko sizzles when added to the pan, add coated pork (discard any remaining panko in bag).
- Cook until panko is golden brown and pork is cooked through, 2-3 minutes per side. (For 4 servings, cook in batches.)
- Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate.