

Simple Creamy Chicken and Wild Rice Soup

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Ingredients:

1 Tbsp canola oil

1 Tbsp butter

 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup finely chopped onion

1 cup finely chopped carrots (about 3-4 medium carrots)

1 cup finely chopped celery (about 3 stalks)

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

6 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

3 cups cooked wild rice or wild rice blend (unseasoned)

2 cups cooked, cubed chicken

1 cup 2% milk

Chopped chives for garnish (optional)

Steps:

- In a large pot, melt the butter with the oil and add the onion, carrots, and celery. Cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are mostly tender, 5-7 minutes.
- Add the flour and stir to combine, cooking another minute or so. Gradually add the chicken broth, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. Stir in the salt, pepper, and cooked rice.
- Bring the soup to a gentle simmer and cook 2-3 minutes, stirring often to make sure it's not sticking to the bottom.
- Add the chicken. Stir in the milk and simmer 3-4 more minutes until heated through (do not boil or simmer).
- Serve, garnishing with fresh chives (optional).

Tips from the Test Kitchen: A shredded rotisserie chicken works great here, or it's a perfect use for using leftover cooked chicken you have on hand.

<u>Nutritional Facts (per serving)</u>: Calories: 210, Carbohydrates: 24 grams, Protein: 16 grams, Total Fat: 6 grams, Saturated Fat: 2 grams, Cholesterol: 36 mg, Sodium: 1067 mg, Fiber: 2 grams, Total Sugars: 4 grams.