

CHICKEN CACCIATORE w/POTATOES

This easy healthy slow cooker chicken cacciatore is a tasty crockpot recipe with fantastic Italian flavors AND it has the added bonus of baby potatoes.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 chicken thighs bone-in, skin on or off
- Salt and pepper to season
- 2 T olive oil (more if needed)
- 2 pounds baby potatoes quartered
- 2 T minced garlic (6-8 cloves)
- 1 medium onion roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper, deseeded and diced
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and diced
- 2 carrots peeled and sliced
- 14 oz can crushed tomatoes
- 14 oz bottle tomato sauce or puree
- 2 T tomato paste
- 1 C sliced mushrooms
- ½ C pitted black olives
- 2 T freshly chopped parsley
- 1 tsp each dried basil and oregano
- 1 beef bouillon cube crushed
- 1 C red wine (optional -- substitute with beef broth IF DESIRED)
- 1 tsp salt (adjust to your taste)
- pepper (adjust to your taste)
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. (OPTIONAL STEP): Season chicken with salt and pepper. Heat a small amount of oil in a pan or skillet. Sear skin-side down (if using skin on thighs) first for 3 minutes, until deep golden brown. Rotate and sear the other side for a further 3 minutes.
- 2. Arrange the potatoes in a 6qt slow cooker bowl in single layer. Place the chicken over the potatoes and add the rest of the ingredients over the chicken (except olives and mushrooms).
- 3. Stir to combine; cover and cook on high for 4 hours, or low for 8 hours, until the chicken is tender and falling off the bone.
- 4. Add in the mushrooms and olives in the last 30 minutes of cooking. Season with extra salt, to your tastes and serve.
- 5. Serve over rice, pasta, zoodles or spaghetti squash.