

Garlic Confit "One Pot" Chicken

Chicken and potato dinner, flavored with fresh lime and lemon slices

20 cloves garlic, peeled

1 lemon, very thinly sliced, seeded

1 large lime, thinly sliced

5 to 6 sprigs thyme

1/2 cup olive oil

1 (about 2-1/2 to 3 lb.) whole chicken, cut into 8 pieces skin on.

bone in, trimmed of excess skin and fat

Kosher salt; freshly ground black pepper

2 Tablespoons dark balsamic vinegar

2 teaspoons honey

4 medium sized golden potatoes, cut in half

Garnish: Fresh young thyme sprigs or leaves as desired

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine garlic, lemon, lime, and thyme into a baking dish that is large enough to hold the chicken. Pour in olive oil; bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes, until garlic has softened. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly.

- 2. increase the oven temperature to 375 degrees F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper. Using your hands, rub Balsamic vinegar and honey over the chicken.
- 3. Using a wooden spoon, move the garlic mixture to the sides of the baking dish to create a space in the center. Add the chicken to the center of the dish; spoon the garlic mixture on top of the chicken.
- 4. Cover dish with aluminum foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Place potato halves into chicken drippings. Recover; return to oven; bake for another 20 minutes. Uncover the dish; spoon drippings over the chicken and potatoes; bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and browned. Discard thyme sprigs and serve. Garnish with fresh young thyme sprigs or leaves. Yield: Serves 4 to 6

**Cook's Note**: I added some lime slices and golden potatoes to the recipe for a one-pot meal.

Recipe Inspired by: Kim Kushner, The Modern Table.

**About the Recipe**: The moist chicken is flavored generously with garlic confit, lime, and lemon flavors, and served with golden baked potatoes. It's a one-pot meal that requires only a fresh garden salad as a side. To save time, the garlic confit can be prepared ahead of time and stored covered with oil in a glass jar. Store in the refrigerator and bring to room temperature before using in the recipe.