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## Crispy Orange Beef Serves 2-4

More elevated than your traditional take-out, and much easier to prepare than it may first appear, this Crispy Orange Beef will make the most novice chef feel like a stir-fry master! Lock in the bold flavors of juicy, high-quality beef by quickly deep frying the steak. The steak is then coated with a fresh orange sauce that turns into a complex glaze as it warms. The result is a delightfully bright, slightly spicy, crispy-beef-oasis.

## Ingredients:

- 1 lb flank steak, sliced crosswise into thin strips
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh black pepper
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup canola oil, for frying
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 oranges, zested into 2" strips, reserve the juice for the sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ginger, minced
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and minced
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted for garnishing

## Orange Sauce Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tablespoons sov sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon garlic chili sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

## Directions:

- 1. In a large bowl, mix together the beef with the soy sauce and garlic. Sprinkle with cornstarch, and spread the beef into a single layer on a parchment-lined on a sheet pan and freeze for 30 minutes. (This process helps to dry out the surface, resulting in crispier beef pieces when fried.)
- 2. Meanwhile prepare the orange zest and juice the orange. Mince the garlic, ginger, and jalapeño. Combine in a small bowl and set aside.
- 3. Whisk the sauce ingredients together.
- 4. Heat the vegetable oil in a wok or deep Dutch oven until it reaches 375 degrees F. Working in several batches, deep fry the beef for 1-2 minutes, turning each piece once until cooked. Transfer the cooked beef to a paper-towel lined plate to drain any excess oil. Once all the beef has been fried, carefully remove any excess oil from the wok.
- 5. Heat the sesame oil in the wok, and quickly stir-fry the orange zest, garlic, ginger and jalapeño for a 1-2 minutes until nicely aromatic.
- 6. Add the orange sauce to the wok, stir, and heat until thickened. Add the fried beef back into the wok, and stir to combine.
- 7. Enjoy the crispy orange beef over rice with a generous garnish of scallions and toasted sesame seeds. Serve with stir-fried broccoli for a complete meal.