

Sheet Pan Chicken Thighs with Brussels Sprouts, Butternut Squash, & Cherries Serves 4

This recipe just might become a new fall family favorite! With just a few minutes of prep time and a reliable meat thermometer, this recipe is a weeknight dinner winner. We love the sweet and tangy glazed chicken thighs, hearty autumn vegetables, and sweet cherries - what an easy, flavorful combination!

Ingredients:

8 bone-in, skin on chicken thighs
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
4 cups chopped, peeled butternut squash, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
1 lb Brussels sprouts (about 3 cups), trimmed and halved
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 shallot, diced
1/2 cup dried cherries

Glaze Ingredients:

1/3 cup maple syrup1/3 cup Dijon mustard1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice2 tablespoons olive oil

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 450°F with a rack about 6 inches from the top of the oven.
- 2. Season the chicken thighs with kosher salt and pepper on both sides.
- 3. In a large bowl, mix the glaze by whisking together the maple syrup, Dijon mustard, lemon juice and olive oil. Brush the chicken with the glaze on both sides.
- 4. Add the butternut squash cubes and shallot to the remaining glaze, and toss to combine. In a separate bowl, mix the Brussels sprouts and dried cherries with 2 more tablespoons of olive oil, kosher salt, and pepper.
- 5. Spread out all of the prepared vegetables and chicken thighs in a single layer on a large sheet pan. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the chicken's internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F. If you desire, broil the chicken for an additional 2-3 minutes until a golden crust is formed on the skin. Serve warm.