Chicken and Wild Rice Stew: back to recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 package (4 oz.) uncooked wild rice (about 3/4 c.)
- 2 T. butter or oil
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 1 small onion; diced
- 2 carrots; peeled and diced
- 2 stalks of celery
- 8 oz. fresh mushrooms; sliced
- 2 c. liquid
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1 t. dried Parsley
- 1 t. dried Thyme
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 c. cooked, cubed chicken
- 1 c. shredded Swiss cheese

OPTIONAL TOPPING:

- 2 c. cubed bread (stale bread or crusts works great)
- 1/4 Parmesan cheese
- 4 T. melted butter or oil

DIRECTIONS:

- Cook rice according to package directions
- While the rice cooks, heat butter or oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add garlic, onions, carrots, celery, and mushrooms to the frying pan and suteeé until veggies are tender (about 15 minutes) stirring occasionally.
- In a large measuring cup or small bowl, mix 2 c. liquid, soy sauce, flour, parsley, thyme, salt, and pepper (I do this while veggies are simmering)
- Add flour mixture to cooked veggies and stir until thickened (this will only take 2-3 minutes)
- Add in cooked chicken, swiss cheese, and cooked rice. Stir to combine and heat through.

At this point, you can serve it as is -- or you can add the optional bread topping.

OPTIONAL TOPPING:

- Pour filling into a greased baking dish.
- Top with cubed bread and cheese, then pour melted butter over top.
- Bake at 375° for 20-30 minutes or until bread is toasted.

Serves 6

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