

# CopyCat Popeyes Extra Crispy Spicy Fried Chicken

## Ingredients

3 Eggs  
1/3 cup Water  
About 1 cup "Texas Pete" Hot Red Pepper Sauce  
4 cups Flour  
2 teaspoon Pepper  
2 teaspoon Paprika  
3 teaspoons Cayenne Pepper  
1 quart Buttermilk optional  
Salt, Pepper and Garlic Powder (to taste)  
1 1 to 2 1/2-pound Chicken, cut into pieces  
Peanut Oil for frying

## Directions

Place cut-up chicken in a large bowl.

Cover with buttermilk.

Cover and chill for 2 hours or overnight. This is an optional (but recommended) step.

In a large bowl, add eggs, water and red pepper sauce. Whisk until combined.

In a large gallon freezer bag, mix flour, pepper, paprika and cayenne.

Remove chicken from buttermilk (if marinated) and sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Place all chicken pieces in freezer bag with flour mixture. Shake until all pieces are evenly coated.

Remove chicken pieces one at a time, shaking excess flour.

Dip each piece in the egg mixture and return to bag of flour.

After all pieces of been dipped in the egg mixture and put back in the bag, give it a second shake to coat chicken pieces again.

Heat oil in deep fryer or deep pan to 350°F.

Working in batches, drop each piece of chicken into the hot oil.

Fry for 15 – 18 minutes, or until golden brown, turning occasionally if oil does not completely cover chicken. Keep in mind that dark meat chicken takes longer to cook than white meat. Watch your wing segments, as well. These will finish cooking first.