Perfect Fried Okra Recipe

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup cornmeal
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup buttermilk add 1 tablespoon vinegar to a measuring cup, fillwith milk to make 1/2 cup, let sit 5 minutes
- 2 pounds okra, cut in 1/2 inch pieces
- Oil for frying (I like peanut or vegetable oil)

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Instructions:

Cut chicken

breast into medium pieces (About 6-7 pieces per chicken).

Prepare the

marinade. Combine the milk, eggs and salt. Place the chicken pieces into the

mixture and let marinade 4 hours (or overnight). The longer it marinades, the

softer the chicken will become.

Combine the

ingredients for the flour mixture; the flour, paprika, pepper and salt.

Take the chicken from the marinade and coat generously in the flour mixture. (Discard of the marinade.)

Add enough oil

to the skillet to completely cover the bottom of the skillet, turn on med/high

heat. Once the oil is hot, fry 6-8 minutes, until chicken is crispy, turning as

needed. Don't crowd the skillet. (Using two skillets works quicker.)

While chicken is

frying prepare the cream mixture; combine cream of chicken soup, sour cream,

water, salt, paprika and pepper.

Once chicken

cooks, transfer onto a plate lined with paper towel.

Cover the bottom

of a 9"x13" dish with some of the cream.

Add the chicken

pieces to the casserole dish.

Completely cover

with the remaining cream. (If preparing the night before and will be cooking it

the following day, wait for the chicken to cool before covering with the

cream.)

Add half of the

cheese. Add the cooked bacon and sauteed mushrooms. Sprinkle remaining cheese.

Bake 350° for 30

minutes, covered with foil. Remove foil and continue baking another 15-20

minutes until cheese melts and cream bubbles everywhere.