

SPOTLIGHT RECIPE



PEPPER-AND-MINT ROASTED CHICKEN

- Heat the oven to 425 F. In a medium bowl, toss the onions, olive oil and the 2 teaspoons of mint. Season with salt and black pepper.
- In a small bowl, mash the butter with the garlic, scallions, Aleppo pepper, lemon zest and the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons of mint; season with salt. Rub the seasoned butter evenly under the skin of the chicken. Tie the legs together with kitchen string. Set the chicken in a medium roasting pan.
- Season the chicken with salt and black pepper and roast for 20 minutes. Add the onions to the pan, reduce the oven to 375 F and roast for 20 minutes. Squeeze the lemon wedges over the chicken and add to the pan. Roast for 35 minutes longer, basting, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thigh registers 165 F. Set the chicken aside; let it rest for 10 minutes.
- Return the pan with the onions and mint to the oven; roast for 10 minutes. Remove the string and carve the chicken. Serve with the onions, lemon wedges and pan juices.

Ingredients

Servings: 4

- 5 small red onions, peeled, each cut through the roots into 8 wedges
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons dried mint, crumbled
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 4 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons Aleppo pepper flakes
- 2 lemons, zests removed in strips, 1 lemon cut lengthwise into wedges
- One 4-pound chicken