Moroccan Chicken (stolen with love from food.com)

Ingredients

- 6 large <u>boneless skinless chicken breasts</u>, chopped into large chunks (or assorted chicken pieces, about 3 lbs)
- 1 tablespoon <u>flour</u> or 2 tablespoons <u>corn flour</u>
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 3 -4 garlic cloves, chopped finely
- 1 -2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 inch fresh gingerroot, finely chopped
- 6 ounces dried apricots
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 (14 ounce) cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 (14 ounce) cans <u>chickpeas</u>
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¹/₂ pint chicken stock
- 1 pinch <u>saffron</u> or 1 teaspoon <u>turmeric</u>
- 4 teaspoons <u>ras el hanout spice mix</u> (or make up spice mix below)
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon <u>cayenne pepper(optional)</u>
- salt and black pepper
- chopped fresh coriander, to serve (cilantro)

Directions

- 1. PLEASE NOTE: This recipe lists canned chickpeas in the ingredients, NOT dried! If you use dried chickpeas, you MUST soak them and cook them first!
- 2. Heat up olive oil in a frying pan/skillet & sauté chopped onions & garlic for 5-10 minutes.
- 3. Add chicken stock & gradually mix in flour or corn flour until well mixed & not lumpy. Add honey & tomato paste & mix well.
- 4. Add herbs, spices & finely chopped ginger with salt & pepper to taste.
- 5. Finally add tinned tomatoes & mix well.
- 6. Pour the above tomato, onion & spice mix into slow cooker or tagine.
- 7. Add chicken & chickpeas & mix well.
- 8. Add dried apricots making sure they are covered by juice. (Add the carrots if using.).
- 9. Give it a gentle but good stir to mix everything together well.
- 10. Crock Pot or Slow Cooker Cook on high for about 3 to 4 hours OR automatic with keep warm facility for up to 8 hours.
- 11. Serve with freshly chopped coriander/cilantro sprinkled on top.
- 12. Note: You can use chicken pieces or whole chicken which has been cut up into portions, but you will then need to brown them in a frying pan or skillet beforehand. Preserved lemons make a great addition, add them when you add the apricots and carrots.