Pineapple Teriyaki Pork Tenderloin with Jasmine Rice

Serves: 4

Ingredients

For the Pork & Marinade

- 1 ½ lb. v ü(700 g) pork tenderloin, trimmed
- ½ cup pineapple juice (from can or fresh)
- ½ cup soy sauce (low sodium preferred)
- 2 tbsp brown sugar or honey
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar (or apple cider vinegar)
- 1 tbsp sesame oil (or neutral oil)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp grated fresh ginger (or ½ tsp ground ginger)
- 1 tbsp cornstarch (for thickening sauce)
- ½ cup water

For Serving

- 1 cup uncooked jasmine rice
- 2 cups water or chicken broth
- 1 cup pineapple chunks (fresh or canned, drained)
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced (for garnish)
- 1 tsp sesame seeds (optional)

**** Instructions

1. Marinate the Pork

- 1. In a bowl or zip-top bag, mix: pineapple juice, soy sauce, brown sugar (or honey), rice vinegar, sesame oil, garlic, and ginger.
- 2. Add the pork tenderloin, turning to coat well.
- 3. Marinate at least 30 minutes (up to 8 hours in the fridge for more flavor).

2. Cook the Jasmine Rice

1. Rinse rice under cold water until the water runs clear.

- 2. In a saucepan, bring 2 cups water or broth to a boil.
- 3. Add the rice, reduce to low heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes or until tender.
- 4. Remove from heat and let sit covered for 5 minutes before fluffing with a fork.

3. Sear and Roast the Pork

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
- 2. Remove pork from the marinade (reserve the liquid).
- 3. Heat a skillet over medium-high heat; add a drizzle of oil.
- 4. Sear the pork on all sides until golden brown (about 2–3 minutes per side).
- 5. Transfer skillet to the oven (or move pork to a baking dish) and roast 15–20 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 145°F (63°C).
- 6. Rest the pork on a plate, tented with foil, for 5–10 minutes before slicing.

4. Make the Pineapple Teriyaki Sauce

- 1. Pour the reserved marinade into a small saucepan.
- 2. Bring to a boil over medium heat.
- 3. In a cup, mix 1 tbsp cornstarch + $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water into a slurry and stir into the sauce.
- 4. Simmer until thickened (2–3 minutes).
- 5. Add **pineapple chunks** and simmer 1 more minute.

5. Cook the Vegetables

1. In the same skillet used for the pork, sauté the **bell pepper and onion** for 3–4 minutes until slightly softened but still crisp.

6. Assemble & Serve

- 1. Slice the pork tenderloin into medallions.
- 2. Serve over jasmine rice.
- 3. Spoon pineapple teriyaki sauce and sautéed vegetables over the top.
- 4. Garnish with green onions and sesame seeds.