

CHICKEN FAJITAS- SERVES 2 ALTERNATIVES (GLUTEN FREE G.F. MEAT FREE M.F. LACTOSE FREE L.F.)

Marinade: (Note: You can also purchase a pre-made Fajita seasoning in the Spice section for \$2-\$3)

- 1/2 cup / 32.5 ml lime juice
- 1/2 cup / 32.5 ml orange juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp garlic *minced*
- 1/2 tsp cumin powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Fajitas:

- 350g skinless chicken thighs or 1 large chicken breasts (Tofu, Lentils, TVP, MF)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 ½ or 2 small capsicums
- 1/2 large onion or 1 small onion

To Serve:

- 4-6 small tortillas (G.F tortillas- G.F)
- 1/2 avocado
- Sour cream (L.F sour cream- L.F)

Equipment:

- Large mixing bowl
- Chopping Board
- Sharp Knife
- Deep Fry Pan/ Skillet or Large Saucepan/ Pot
- Plate

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Method:

- 1. Place Marinade ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Add chicken, toss well to coat. Marinade for 1 hour to 24 hours (or freeze immediately then defrost overnight).
- 2. Prepare chicken and vegetables for recipe: Slice each chicken breast horizontally to create two thinner fillets, slice onion and capsicum to desired size.
- 3. Use 2 frypans to cook the chicken and vegetables at the same time, if you can.

Vegetables:

- 1. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a large frypan over high heat ensuring pan is hot before cooking ingredients. Add vegetables to cover the base of the pan in a single layer without too much overlapping. Spread out, leave for 45 seconds (to char it).
- 2. Toss quickly then spread out. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Leave 45 seconds, toss then spread out, then leave 45 seconds. Remove onto platter and repeat with remaining Vegetables.

Chicken:

- 1. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a large frypan over medium high heat. Add chicken and cook for 3 to 4 minutes until caramelised. Turn and cook the other side for 3 4 minutes.
- 2. Remove onto a plate, cover loosely with foil. Rest for 3 minutes then slice.

To Serve:

- 1. Warm tortillas by placing on frypan singularly and toasting for 1 minute on each side on a low heat or placing on a plate in single piles and cooking in microwave for 30 seconds to 1 minute.
- 2. Pile capsicum and onion onto tortilla. Top with chicken, drizzle with sour cream, squeeze over lime juice. Fold, devour and enjoy!

Nutritional Tips:

- A great way to add more vegetables—chargrill your favourites like mushrooms, spinach, and shredded cabbage.
- Shredded carrot and zucchini work well and add extra fibre.
- Use whole wheat or corn tortillas, or swap them for iceberg lettuce wraps for a glutenfree option.
- Canned beans, especially black beans, are a budget-friendly protein source—swap out the chicken or use both.
- Replace sour cream with low-fat sour cream, low-fat Greek yoghurt, or plant-based Greek yoghurt for a healthier alternative.
- Reduce oil by using water in the marinade and cooking the chicken with less oil or water—the natural moisture in the chicken helps it cook
- An oil spray bottle is an affordable way to cut down on oil—available for around \$7 at Kmart.

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Storage Information:

in the Fridge:

- Up to 3–4 days
 - o Store the cooked chicken and veggies in an airtight container.
 - o Keep toppings (like sour cream, salsa, guac) separate.
 - o Reheat until steaming hot before serving.

In the Freezer:

- Best within 2–3 months
 - Freeze just the cooked chicken and peppers/onions—skip tortillas and fresh toppings.
 - Use freezer-safe containers or zip-top bags (flatten for easy storage).
 - o Label with the date.

Reheating Tips:

© From Fridge:

- Stovetop: Reheat chicken and veggies in a pan over medium heat for best texture.
- Microwave: Heat in short bursts, stirring occasionally.

From Frozen:

- Thaw overnight in the fridge for best results.
- Or heat from frozen in a covered pan over low-medium heat, adding a splash of water or broth to loosen it up.

Bonus Tip:

- Warm tortillas fresh to keep them soft—don't freeze them with the filling.
- You can also prep a **fajita kit**: freeze seasoned raw chicken and sliced peppers/onions together in a bag, then cook fresh when needed!

Recipe Credit:

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https://www.recipetineats.com/chicken-fajitas/

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Nutritional Information:

Chicken Fajitas Nutrition Information Serving Size: 1 Serving					
				Average Quantity per Serving	%Daily Intake*
			Energy	3711.5 kJ	43 %
Protein	52.5 g	105 %			
Fat, total	44.4 g	63 %			
- saturated	13.5 g	56 %			
Carbohydrate	60.7 g	20 %			
- sugars	14.2 g				
- lactose	2 g				
- galactose	0 g				
- starches	38.3 g				
Dietary Fibre	9.3 g	31 %			
Sodium	929.4 mg	40 %			
Vitamin C	131.1 mg				
Vitamin A	228.3 µg				
Calcium	248.4 mg				
Iron	5.3 mg				
*Percentage daily intal of 8700 kJ.	kes are based on an a	average adult diet			
Per Serving					
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