



Easy and Flavorful Air Fryer Chicken Fajitas

Description

Skip the skillet and turn up the flavor with these **Air Fryer Chicken Fajitas**! This quick and healthy recipe delivers sizzling fajita perfection—tender chicken strips, colorful bell peppers, and bold Mexican spices—all made in under 25 minutes. Whether you’re craving a fuss-free dinner or prepping for a taco night, this air fryer version has your back.

Why You’ll Be Obsessed with This Recipe

- **Quick & Convenient:** Ready in just 20–25 minutes with minimal prep.
- **Healthy & Balanced:** Lean protein, vibrant veggies, and less oil.
- **Perfectly Cooked:** Juicy chicken and crisp-tender peppers thanks to the air fryer.
- **Customizable:** Easily adjust the spice level or swap out veggies.
- **Weeknight Favorite:** One of the easiest family-friendly meals you’ll ever make.

Ingredients You’ll Need

For the Chicken Fajitas:

- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breast (cut into thin strips)
- 1 red bell pepper (sliced)
- 1 yellow bell pepper (sliced)
- 1 green bell pepper (sliced)
- 1 medium red onion (sliced)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice (optional but adds brightness)

Fajita Seasoning:

You can use a store-bought mix or make your own with:

- 1 tsp chili powder
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder
- ¼ tsp oregano
- ¼ tsp salt (or to taste)
- Pinch of black pepper
- Optional: pinch of cayenne pepper for heat

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How to Make Air Fryer Chicken Fajitas

Step 1: Prep the Ingredients

Slice chicken, bell peppers, and onion into thin strips. Try to keep the sizes uniform for even cooking.

Step 2: Season Everything

In a large bowl, toss the chicken and vegetables with olive oil, lime juice, and all the seasoning until everything is well-coated.

Step 3: Preheat the Air Fryer

Preheat your air fryer to **375°F (190°C)** for about 3-5 minutes.

Step 4: Cook in Batches (If Needed)

Spread the chicken and veggies in a single layer in the air fryer basket. Cook for **12-15 minutes**, shaking halfway through. If your air fryer is small, you may need to cook in batches for best results.

Step 5: Serve and Sizzle!

Warm your tortillas, add the air-fried chicken and veggies, and top with your favorite garnishes—sour cream, guacamole, salsa, or shredded cheese.

Expert Tips for the Best Chicken Fajitas

- **Don't overcrowd** the basket—space helps crisp the veggies.
- **Add lime juice after cooking** for extra zing.
- **Marinate** the chicken in the seasoning mix for 30 minutes for deeper flavor (optional).
- **Use chicken thighs** for extra juicy fajitas if preferred.

Serving Suggestions

These Air Fryer Chicken Fajitas are delicious on their own, but you can also serve them with:

- **Flour or corn tortillas**
- **Cilantro lime rice**
- **Refried or black beans**
- **Fresh salsa or pico de gallo**
- **Guacamole or avocado slices**

Variations to Try

- **Steak Fajitas:** Swap chicken for thinly sliced flank steak.
- **Veggie Fajitas:** Go meatless with mushrooms, zucchini, and extra peppers.
- **Spicy Fajitas:** Add jalapeños or extra cayenne to the seasoning.
- **Cheesy Fajitas:** Top with shredded cheese while still hot so it melts perfectly.

Storage & Reheating

Refrigerator: Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to **4 days**.

Freezer: Freeze cooked chicken and veggies for up to **2 months**.

To Reheat: Pop them back in the air fryer at 350°F for 3-5 minutes or microwave for 1-2 minutes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make these fajitas low-carb or keto?

Absolutely! Just skip the tortillas or use low-carb wraps. The filling itself is keto-friendly.

Do I need to preheat the air fryer?

Preheating gives a better sear and cooks everything more evenly. It's recommended, but not required.

Can I use frozen chicken?

For best results, thaw the chicken before cooking so it absorbs the seasoning better and cooks evenly.

Final Thoughts

Air Fryer Chicken Fajitas are a game-changer for busy weeknights. They're bold, flavorful, and lightning-fast to whip up. Whether you're cooking for a crowd or meal prepping for the week, this recipe will become a go-to favorite. Just slice, season, air fry, and enjoy the sizzle—minus the mess!

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