

Healthy Crispy Oven-Fried Chicken: Flavorful, Juicy, and Better for You

Few foods are as comforting as fried chicken. The crispy coating, juicy meat, and savory seasonings make it a favorite for many families. Unfortunately, traditional fried chicken is often loaded with excess calories and unhealthy fats due to deep frying.

This Healthy Crispy Oven-Fried Bone-In Chicken delivers the flavor and crunch you love while using significantly less oil. By baking instead of deep frying and using a flavorful seasoned coating, you can enjoy a healthier version that's still crispy on the outside and tender on the inside.

Whether you're preparing a weeknight dinner, meal prepping for the week, or serving family and friends, this recipe provides plenty of flavor without sacrificing nutrition.

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Servings

4–6 servings

Prep Time

15 minutes

Marinating Time

4 hours (recommended)

Cook Time

40–50 minutes

Total Time

55–65 minutes (plus marinating time)

Ingredients

Chicken

- 2½–3 pounds bone-in chicken pieces (drumsticks, thighs, or a combination)
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Crispy Coating

- 1 cup whole-wheat panko breadcrumbs
- 1 cup crushed cornflakes
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- Olive oil spray

Optional

- Fresh parsley for garnish
- Lemon wedges for serving

Instructions

Step 1: Marinate the Chicken

In a large bowl, combine:

- Greek yogurt
- Dijon mustard
- Lemon juice
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder
- Smoked paprika
- Black pepper
- Sea salt

Add chicken pieces and coat thoroughly.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight for maximum flavor and tenderness.

Step 2: Prepare for Baking

1. Remove chicken from the refrigerator 20–30 minutes before cooking.
2. Preheat oven to **425°F (220°C)**.
3. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and place a wire rack on top.

Step 3: Make the Crispy Coating

In a shallow bowl combine:

- Whole-wheat panko breadcrumbs
- Crushed cornflakes

- Smoked paprika
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder
- Oregano
- Black pepper
- Sea salt

Mix well.

Step 4: Coat the Chicken

Remove chicken from the marinade.

Allow excess marinade to drip off.

Press each piece firmly into the breadcrumb mixture until evenly coated.

Place coated chicken on the prepared wire rack.

Lightly spray with olive oil spray for extra crispiness.

Step 5: Bake

Bake for 20–25 minutes.

Carefully flip each piece.

Bake an additional 20–25 minutes until:

- Golden brown
- Crispy
- Internal temperature reaches 165°F (74°C)

Step 6: Rest and Serve

Allow chicken to rest for 5–10 minutes before serving.

Garnish with fresh parsley and serve with lemon wedges.

Nutritional Facts

Approximate Nutrition Per Serving

Nutrient	Amount
Calories	345
Protein	32g
Carbohydrates	19g
Fiber	3g
Fat	14g
Saturated Fat	3g
Sodium	480mg
Potassium	520mg
Iron	10% DV
Calcium	8% DV

Nutrition values are approximate and may vary depending on the chicken pieces used.

Why This Recipe Is Great for Women's Health

High in Protein

Protein helps support:

- Muscle maintenance
- Healthy metabolism
- Fullness and satisfaction
- Recovery after exercise

Baked Instead of Deep Fried

Baking significantly reduces excess oil while still creating a

crispy texture.

Greek Yogurt Marinade

Greek yogurt helps:

- Tenderize the chicken
- Keep it juicy
- Add protein
- Create a flavorful crust

Bone-In Chicken Benefits

Bone-in chicken often:

- Retains more moisture
- Delivers richer flavor
- Creates a traditional fried chicken texture
- Is more affordable than boneless cuts

Serving Suggestions

Pair with:

- Roasted sweet potatoes
- Garlic green beans
- Steamed broccoli
- Garden salad
- Roasted Brussels sprouts
- Cauliflower mash

Women's Health Tip

Balanced meals that combine protein, fiber-rich vegetables, and healthy carbohydrates can help support stable energy levels, reduce cravings, and keep you feeling satisfied longer.

The Bottom Line

This Healthy Crispy Oven-Fried Bone-In Chicken delivers everything you love about traditional fried chicken—crispy coating, juicy meat, and bold flavor—without the excess grease of deep frying. It's a wholesome comfort-food recipe that's perfect for busy weeknights, family dinners, or meal prep while supporting your overall health goals. ☐☐☐