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Crispy Low-Carb Chicken Tenders in the Air Fryer

30 min · Makes 6 × 1 large tender · 253 kcal a portion · Video 5:58 · KetoFocus

Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free

Ground pork rinds and almond flour replace the flour coating, so a tender has under 2 g net carbs and about 25 g protein, and the dipping sauce is sweetened without sugar.

Diet notes: Low carb (1.4 g net carbs) but not keto: 56% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

14 · MAKES 6 × 1 LARGE TENDER

- [ ] 1 lb **chicken tenders** (tenderloins)
- [ ] 1½ cups **ground pork rinds** (pork panko), divided
- [ ] ⅓ cup **almond flour**
- [ ] 1 tsp **garlic powder**
- [ ] 1 tsp **onion powder**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **salt**, plus a pinch to season the chicken
- [ ] ¼ tsp **black pepper**, plus a pinch to season the chicken
- [ ] 1 **egg**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **water** (for the egg wash)
- [ ] **avocado oil cooking spray** (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] ¼ cup **mayonnaise or avocado mayo** (for the dipping sauce)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **sugar-free barbecue sauce** (for the dipping sauce)
- [ ] 1 tbsp keto (sugar-free) honey (for the dipping sauce)
- [ ] 1 tsp **yellow mustard** (for the dipping sauce)

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Egg, Tree nuts. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Pat the chicken tenders dry and season both sides with salt and pepper. 0:42
2. In a shallow dish mix 1 cup of the ground pork rinds with the almond flour, garlic powder, onion powder, salt and pepper. Put the other ½ cup of pork rinds in a second dish, and whisk the egg with the water in a third. 0:59
3. Dust each tender in the seasoned mix, dip it in the egg wash and coat it again in the seasoned mix. For an extra-crunchy crust, dip it in egg once more and finish in the plain pork rinds. 2:18
4. Lay the tenders in a single layer in the air fryer, spray the tops lightly with oil and air-fry at 360°F for about 10 minutes, until cooked through (165°F inside). 4:33
5. While they cook, stir together the mayonnaise, sugar-free barbecue sauce, keto honey and mustard for a Chick-fil-A-style dipping sauce. 4:53

> **Tip** A serve is one large tender — have two with a salad for dinner. No air fryer? Bake on a lined tray at 400°F for 15–20 minutes. Nut-free: use grated parmesan instead of almond flour.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion (1 large tender) gives you

1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
253 kcal	25 g	2.3 g	0.9 g	16 g	460 mg
1,060 kJ	49% of a day	1.4 g net · 0.6 g sugars	3% of a day	3.1 g saturated	20% of a day
		1% of a day		20% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 2% · protein 40% · fat 58% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 43% · Selenium 40% · Vitamin B6 22%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B12 15% · Vitamin E 14% · Vitamin K 13%

Recipe and video: KetoFocus (@KetoFocus) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=HHIoYveUTHQ, published 29 January 2022. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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