Pan roasted tilapia with tomatillo salsa



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About this recipe

Serves

4

Ingredients

- 1 pound tomatillos
- 1/2 cup yellow onion (peeled and finely chopped)
- 2 serrano or other chiles (finely chopped)
- 3 cloves garlic (peeled and minced)
- 3 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt

- 1 tablespoon Fresh lime juice (about 1/2 lime)
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves (chopped)
- 4 tilapia fillets (patted dry with a paper towel, any inexpensive white fish can be used)

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees
- 2. To make the tomatillo salsa: (Canned tomatillo salsa can be used instead of fresh)
- 3. To prepare the tomatillos, peel back the husk from the smooth green tomatillo skin. Rinse the tomatillos with warm water and cut into quarters.
- 4. Place the husked tomatillos, onion, chilies, garlic, and 1 teaspoon oil in the baking pan, stir well and transfer to the oven. Roast about 20 minutes until the tomatillos are soft and dark green. Set aside to cool.
- 5. Transfer the mixture to the blender; add the salt, lime juice, and cilantro and puree.
- 6. To cook the tilapia:
- 7. Place the skillet on the stove over high heat and when it is hot, carefully add 2 teaspoons oil.
- 8. Put the tilapia fillets in the pan, waiting about 30 seconds between additions. Cook about 5–6 minutes, until golden brown on both sides.
- 9. Transfer the tilapia to the serving plate and top with generous amounts of salsa. Serve right away.

Tips and variations

• Add chopped green onions and greek yogurt as an additional garnish.

Nutritional info

Calories

181

Total fat

6 g

Saturated fat

1 g

Cholesterol

48 mg

Sodium

196 mg

Total carbohydrates

9 g

Dietary fiber

2 g

Protein

23 g

Total sugar

5 g

Allergens

Soy

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