## Taste of Home



# Blackened Tilapia with Zucchini Noodles

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I love quick and bright meals like this one-skillet wonder. The way it tastes, you'd think it takes a lot more effort, but it goes from prep to dinner table in half an hour. The recipe works well with any light fish, or even shrimp. —Tammy Brownlow, Dallas, Texas

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 30 min. **YIELD:** 4 servings.

#### **Ingredients**

2 large zucchini (about 1-1/2 pounds)
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 tsp garlic powder
4 tilapia fillets (6 ounces each)
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup pico de gallo

#### **Directions**

- **1.** Trim ends of zucchini. Using a spiralizer, cut zucchini into thin strands.
- **2.** Mix cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt, smoked paprika, pepper and garlic powder; sprinkle generously onto both sides of tilapia. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over mediumhigh heat. In batches, cook tilapia until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork, 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from pan; keep warm.
- **3.** In same pan, cook zucchini with garlic over medium-high heat until slightly softened, 1-2 minutes, tossing constantly with tongs (do not overcook). Sprinkle with remaining salt. Serve with tilapia and pico de gallo.

### **Nutrition Facts**

1 serving: 203 calories, 4g fat (1g saturated fat), 83mg cholesterol, 522mg sodium, 8g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 2g fiber), 34g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 5 lean meat, 1 vegetable, 1/2 fat.

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