

Crispy Baked Buffalo Wings

Perfectly crispy baked chicken wings smothered in easy homemade Buffalo sauce. So simple to make - they'll be a total hit for any party table!

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Prep Time 10 minutes **Cook Time** 1 hour 30 minutes **Total Time** 1 hour 40 minutes

Servings 40 wings

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Ingredients

Crispy Chicken Wings:

- 2.2 lbs (1 kg) chicken wings
- 2 level tbsp aluminium-free baking powder (It has to be baking powder NOT baking soda see further notes on baking powder below
- 1/2 tsp salt make sure it's regular table salt
- ½ tsp pepper

Buffalo Wings Sauce:

- 2/3 cup (150ml) Frank's hot sauce
- ½ cup (120g) unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic peeled and minced
- 1 tbsp <u>honey</u>
- 1/4 tsp salt

Blue cheese sauce

- 1/2 cup (120g) sour cream
- 3 tbsp mayo
- 1/3 cup (75g) soft blue cheese (use Roquefort, or you can use Saint Agur blue crème for a milder taste)
- 1/2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- a pinch of dried parsley

To Serve:

- 2 medium carrots peeled and cut into 2-inch (5cpieces
- 2 sticks celery cut into 2-inch (5cpieces

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 120C/250F and place a rack on a large baking tray.
- 2. Cut each wing at the joint so you have a mini wing and a drumette. Dry the wings with paper towels, then place in a large bowl and add the baking powder, salt and pepper. Toss to combine. Note it's important to

- dry the wings first so they only get a light coating. Discard any remaining coating once tossed together.
- 3. Place in a single layer on the rack, skin side up. It's fine for them to be touching. Place on the lower shelf of the oven for 30 minutes.
- 4. After 30 minutes, turn the oven up to 220C/425F and rotate the tray for even cooking. Cook for a further 45-50 minutes until the wings are lightly golden and crispy. Take out of the oven to cool slightly.
- 5. To make the Buffalo sauce, place the hot sauce, butter, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, honey and salt in a pan. Place over a medium-high heat and bring to a gentle simmer whilst stirring. Turn off the heat.
- 6. Mix the blue cheese sauce ingredients together in a bowl until smooth.
- 7. Toss the Buffalo sauce with the wings and serve with the blue cheese sauce, carrots and celery.

Notes

Note on baking powder:

I get lots of messages on my other <u>crispy wings recipe</u> on how delicious the wings are, but also the occasional message that the wings tastes bitter - despite assurances the recipe was followed to the letter and **baking POWDER** not baking soda was used. After doing a little research, it seems that some people can be sensitive to the taste of sodium *aluminum sulfate* - which can be an ingredient in some baking powders. People who are **sensitive to it notice a bitter taste**. If you are sensitive to it, you may have noticed certain cakes taste bitter. However, cakes contain a lot less baking powder then this recipe, so **you may not have noticed it before and still been sensitive to it**.

My tips would be to:

- Thoroughly dry the wings before dusting with the baking powder so they only get a **light coating**.
- Measure the amount of baking powder used exactly, and discard any excess left after tossing together with the wings.
- Use aluminium-free baking powder make sure it has no aluminum sulfate in it.

Can I make Buffalo wings ahead?

I prefer these wings fresh out of the oven, but you can make the wings ahead - without the sauce- then cool, cover and refrigerate for up to a day. Reheat them on a wire rack over a tray for about 5-6 minutes at 200C/400F until they're crisp again.

You can also mix the Buffalo sauce ingredients together, then cover and refrigerate (uncooked). Pour into a pan and boil as per instructions before serving.

The blue cheese sauce can also be made ahead, covered and refrigerated for up to a day. Give the dip a stir before serving, as the Worcestershire sauce may separate upon refrigeration.

How do I make boneless Buffalo wings instead?

Use my Crispy Buttermilk <u>Chicken tenders</u> recipe for the base recipe, then make the Buffalo sauce as per the recipe in this recipe card.

If you prefer oven baked - use my **Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders** for the base recipe, then make the Buffalo sauce as per the recipe in this recipe card.

Nutritional information is per wing (approx 40 wings in this recipe), with a small serving (i.e a 1/40th serving) of blue cheese dip.

Nutritional Information

Calories: 72kcal | Carbohydrates: 1g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 6g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 19mg | Sodium: 191mg | Potassium: 110mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 1g | Vitamin A: 642IU | Vitamin C: 3mg | Calcium: 40mg | Iron: 1mg



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