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Pineapple Chicken Kabobs

I love grilled food...but am FAR from being a grilling expert...I tried doing kabobs for the first time the other day and totally charbroiled them. I attempted a second try last night with some fantastic suggestions from my mother-in-law and husband and their advice proved to be great!

I will try to explain what I did the first time [wrong], so you can try to avoid the same mistakes. I cooked the kabobs on medium-high heat for 12 minutes and had laid them on the grate vertically (parallel to the grate). They stuck to the grate horribly (food was left on the grate after I picked up the kabob) and they were black on the side that was down. Now, if you can cook kabobs on medium-high heat and they turn out for you, that is fantastic—do it the way that works for you. I, on the other hand, can't avoid charbroiling anything I cook with direct heat. My husband suggested I use my grill basket to set them in and my mother-in-law (who grills AMAZING steaks) suggested cooking them with indirect heat. Result? Success! And now I am excited to share this recipe with you and hope that you enjoy it!

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Kabob Ingredients:

3-4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1/2 - 1 pound bacon

1 can of pineapple chunks

Veggies (I think mushrooms, onions and peppers would be good, but didn't have any on hand so skipped doing veggies)

Marinade Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp. coconut aminos (this is a soy-free substitute for soy sauce-I use Coconut Secret brand)
- 3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. raw honey
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, crushed

Directions:

- 1. Cut chicken into 1 inch cubes.
- 2. Combine coconut aminos, apple cider vinegar, honey, oil and garlic in a small bowl and blend well.
- 3. Put chicken (and veggies, if marinating) into dish and pour marinade over top of the chicken. Stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- 4. Cut bacon strips in half so you have shorter lengths to work with.
- 5. Wrap chicken chunks in bacon and put skewer through both bacon and chicken so bacon is secure. Alternate with pineapple chunks and veggies, as desired.
- 6. Preheat grill burners over high heat (my grill has 3 burners). Clean off grill, turn off middle burner, and turn down front and back burners to medium or medium-high heat.
- 7. Place kabobs perpendicular to the grate over the middle burner (which is off). (This is where I had them in a grill basket.)

8. Cook for 10 minutes. Use tongs to turn kabobs over and cook another 10-15 minutes or until chicken juices are clear and bacon is crispy. Enjoy!!

*Note: The amount of bacon and pineapple is not clearly defined in the ingredients because it just depends on how much you want to use. I alternated this way: chicken wrapped in bacon, pineapple, chicken, pineapple, chicken wrapped in bacon, etc., but get creative and tell me what other foods you tried with yours!

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