



Chicken Fajita Caesar Salad with jalapeño and cotija cheese

Medium Non-Stick Pan Mixing Bowl

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BEFORE YOU COOK

- ☐ Take a minute to read through the recipe before you start-we promise it will be time well spent!
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry

WHILE YOU COOK

- ☐ **Heads Up! Cotija cheese** is used twice. Most is added to dressing, and 1 Tbsp. garnishes salad.
- ☐ **Spice Alert!** Removing seeds from jalapeño greatly reduces its spiciness. Control the spice level of this dish by using less jalapeño or omitting entirely for a mild-but-still-delicious meal. Be sure to wash hands, utensils, and cutting board after working with jalapeño.



If you prefer a thicker dressing. use only 1 tsp. water or omit entirely.

Did you know...

Though there are many claims to who invented the Caesar salad, it is most often attributed to Caesar Cardini, an Italian immigrant and restaurateur. It is said that Caesar was short of supplies on a busy weekend and didn't want to disappoint the customers, so he concocted this salad with what was on hand. For added flair. he prepared it table-side. Soon enough, people were coming to his restaurant just for the salad.



Prepare the Ingredients

Halve and peel onion. Slice halves into thin strips. Stem, seed, and slice red bell pepper into 1/4" strips. Hold **romaine heart** at root end and chop coarsely. Slice jalapeño into thin rounds. Discard seeds if you prefer less spice. Pat chicken breasts dry. On a separate cutting board, cut chicken into 1" dice. Season chicken with seasoning rub.



Toast the Pepitas

Place a medium non-stick pan over medium heat. Add pepitas to hot pan. Stir occasionally until toasted, 2-3 minutes. Remove to a plate. Reserve pan; no need to wipe clean.



Cook the Chicken

Return pan used to toast pepitas to medium-high heat. Add 1 tsp. olive oil and chicken to hot pan. Cook undisturbed until browned, 2-3 minutes. Then stir occasionally until chicken reaches a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, 3-4 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Reserve pan; no need to wipe clean.



Cook the Vegetables

Return pan used to cook chicken to medium-high heat. Add 1 tsp. olive oil, onion, and red bell pepper to hot pan. Cook undisturbed, 2-3 minutes. Then stir occasionally until lightly charred, 2-3 minutes. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Return chicken and any accumulated juices to pan. Stir occasionally until chicken is warmed through, 1 minute. Remove from burner.



Make the Salad

Combine mayonnaise, cheese (reserve 1 Tbsp. for garnish), red wine vinegar, 1 Tbsp. water, and a pinch of salt and pepper in a large mixing bowl. Add romaine and toss to dress thoroughly. Alternatively, serve dressing on side to control amount.



Finish the Dish

Plate as pictured on front of card and garnish with jalapeño rounds (to taste), pepitas, and reserved cheese. Bon appétit!