Turkey Nachos



TIP: Turkey nachos: real easy. Just your favorite corn (or any) chips, leftover turkey, canned beans and melted cheese topped with your choice or a combination of sliced avocado, chopped tomato, chopped onion, sour cream or plain yogurt and/or salsa – or anything else to suit your tasteful imagination.

Preparation Time: 5-10 minutes depending on number and type of ingredient choices

Cooking Time: about 20 minutes

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Cooking Spray
Favorite Corn (or any) Chips
Leftover Turkey
12-Ounce Can of Beans
Favorite Sliced, Shredded or Grated Cheese
(shredded cheddar or any cheese will work)

Optional Ingredients

Ripe Avocado
Medium Sized Tomato
1/4 Red (or any) Onion
Sour Cream or Plain Yogurt
Salsa



Equipment

Baking Dish
Colander (if you're using canned beans)
Can Opener (if you're using canned beans without a pull tab)
Spatula or Big Spoon
Small Sharp (Paring) Knife
Cutting Board
Tablespoon
Timer
Pot Holder or Folded Dish Towel



1. Place an oven rack in the middle of the oven, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees (180 degrees Celsius).



2. Open, drain, and rinse a can of beans with cold tap water in the sink.



3. Spray a baking dish with a light coat of cooking spray and top with a generous, even layer of your favorite corn (or any) chips.





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4. Top the chips with a generous, even layer of shredded turkey meat,...





...beans, and shredded cheese until what you have looks about like...





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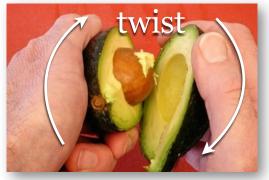
5. When the oven has warmed to 350 degrees (180 C), put the baking dish in the oven and set a timer for 20 minutes.



6. While the **nachos** cook, prepare your choice or a combination of **ripe avocado**, **tomato**, and/or **onion** as follows:

Avocado: Cut a ripe avocado in half lengthwise around the seed and twist the two avocado halves apart.

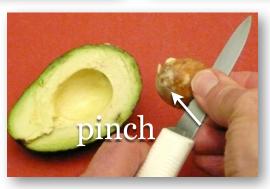




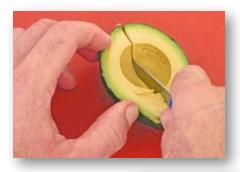
Remove the **seed** by holding the **avocado half** with the **seed** still attached seed side up on the cutting board - <u>making sure your fingers are not in the intended knife path</u> - and driving the knife blade into the **seed**. Twist and lift the **seed** from the **avocado half**. Remove the **avocado seed** from the knife edge by pinching the down on the **seed** from the back, dull side of the knife as shown.







Cut the avocado halves again in half lengthwise into quarters, and peel off the skin (cutting the avocado into quarters makes peeling the avocado skin much easier). Cut each avocado quarter into slices 1/4 - 1/2 inch (6-12 mm) wide, and cut the avocado slices in cross section into pieces also 1/4 - 1/2 inch (6-12 mm) wide.







Tomato: Rinse and shake a tomato dry in the sink. Then carefully make a cone-shaped cut around and under the stem patch to remove the tomato core as shown in the third picture below.



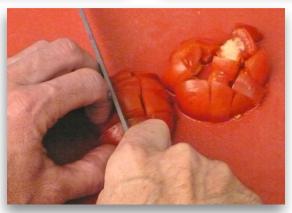




Cut the tomato in half lengthwise. Cut each tomato half into lengthwise slices about 1/2 inch (12 mm) wide. Then cut the tomato slices in cross section into pieces also about 1/2 inch (12 mm) wide.







Onion: Cut a red (or any) onion in half, and cut one of the onion halves in half again.





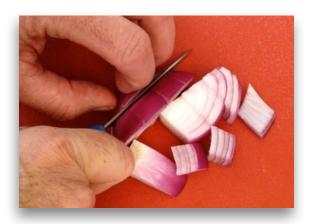
Cut off the tough onion stem and root ends, and peel the onion skin.





Cut slices about 1/4 - 1/2 inch (6-12 mm) wide, making sure not to cut through the back of the onion to keep the slices bound together, and chop those onion slices in cross section into pieces also 1/4 - 1/2 inch (6-12 mm) wide.





7. When the timer sounds, carefully remove the **cooked nachos** from the oven with a potholder or folded dish towel.



The nachos are done when the cheese on top has melted as shown here.



8. Scoop the nachos from the baking dish onto a plate with a spatula or big spoon, and either have them as is or...





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...top them with your choice or a combination of chopped avocado, tomato, onion, plain yogurt or sour cream and/or salsa - or anything else you might want to suit your taste.



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