**Baked Chicken with Simple Pineapple Salsa**

Serving size: 4 ounce piece of chicken + 2 tablespoons pineapple salsa

**Ingredients:**
8, 4-ounce chicken breasts (boneless, skinless)
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil

Pineapple salsa:
2 cups pineapple (diced)
¼ cup red onion (finely chopped)
1 jalapeno pepper (minced)
¼ cup fresh cilantro leaves (chopped)
¼ cup fresh lime juice

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 425°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Season chicken with salt and pepper, and brush with oil.
3. Transfer chicken to the baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes per side, until chicken is brown and cooked through to internal temperature of 165°F.
4. While the chicken is baking, prepare salsa: place diced pineapple, red onion, jalapeno and cilantro in medium bowl. Toss with lime juice.
5. Serve each piece of chicken with 2 tablespoons of salsa as “condiment.”

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. You can adapt this recipe to use a different cut of chicken (per personal preference), such as drumsticks, bone-in skinless thighs, or boneless chicken breast. Pay attention to temperature when cooked or “doneness”. Chicken needs to be cooked to an internal temperature of 165F.
2. Homemade fruit salsa is an excellent nutritious topping for any fish/chicken/ tofu dish in place of commercial condiments which commonly have excess amounts of added sugar and sodium (salt). If you are allergic to pineapple, you can easily substitute for diced mango for a similarly nutritious salsa recipe.

**Source:**
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