

Loaded Gochujang Fries with Turkey Bacon and Cheddar

Bold, spicy, cheesy, and crispy.



TIME
2 min

METHOD
Air fryer

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INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb frozen French fries
- 1 cup turkey bacon, cooked crisp and chopped
- 3 tbsp gochujang paste
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter or bacon fat
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded cheddar cheese (or use queso)
- 3 tbsp sliced scallions
- Optional: sesame seeds or fresh chili slices

DIRECTIONS

- 1.** Cook Fries: Bake fries according to package directions until golden and crispy. (You can also air-fry or deep-fry if you prefer.)
- 2.** Cook Turkey Bacon: In a skillet over medium heat, cook turkey bacon until crisp. Transfer to paper towels and chop once cool.
- 3.** Make Gochujang-Bacon Sauce: Using the same skillet, melt butter or reserved bacon fat. Stir in gochujang, honey, and soy sauce. Cook over low heat for 1-2 minutes until smooth and saucy. Remove from heat.
- 4.** Assemble Fries: Place hot fries on a platter or baking sheet. Drizzle with the warm gochujang sauce, coating as evenly as possible.
- 5.** Add Cheese and Broil: Sprinkle cheddar cheese over the fries. Place under the broiler or back in the oven for 2-3 minutes, just until the cheese melts and bubbles.
- 6.** Garnish and Serve: Remove from heat. Top with chopped turkey bacon, scallions, sesame seeds, or fresh chili slices. Serve immediately-while they're hot, cheesy, and irresistible.

SWAPS & NOTES

Turkey bacon can be swapped with regular bacon or plant-based bacon.

Cheese : Use shredded mozzarella, Monterey Jack, or a drizzle of warm queso.

Add a teaspoon of sriracha or chili crisp to the sauce.

Make it vegetarian by skipping the bacon and adding grilled mushrooms. ? Step-by-Step Instructions 1.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Preheat your oven fully for the crispiest fries.

Don't skip the broil -it makes the cheese stretchy and golden.

Add toppings only after the cheese melts to preserve freshness.

Try ranch, sriracha mayo, or extra gochujang on the side. ?

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