

Crispy Fried Mushrooms: Easy Beer-Battered Appetizer Recipe

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OVEN
375°F

TIME
7 min

METHOD
Air fryer

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INGREDIENTS

1 pound small button mushrooms, ends trimmed (don't wash, wipe clean if needed)

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided use (1/2 cup for dusting, 1 cup for batter)

1 cup beer (lager or pilsner works well, room temperature)

2 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

3/4 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon onion powder

Oil for frying (such as vegetable, canola, or peanut oil)

1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped (for garnish)

Swaps and Notes:

Mushrooms: Small button mushrooms are ideal for bite-sized fried snacks. Cremini (baby bella) mushrooms can also be used. Avoid washing mushrooms under running water; simply wipe them clean with a damp cloth to prevent them from absorbing too much water, which can lead to soggy results.

Beer: A light lager or pilsner works well for the batter, providing fizz and flavor without being overpowering. You can use non-alcoholic beer or even sparkling water for a non-alcoholic version, though the flavor will be slightly different.

Seasoning: Kosher salt is recommended for its pure taste and coarse texture. Adjust salt and pepper to your preference.

Oil for Frying: Choose an oil with a high smoke point for deep frying. You'll need enough to fill your pot to about 3 inches deep.

Fresh Parsley: Adds a pop of color and fresh herbaceousness at the end. Don't skip it!

Instructions:

Heat the Oil: Heat 3 inches of oil for frying in a deep, heavy pot (like a Dutch oven or a deep skillet) over medium-high heat. Use a deep-fry thermometer to monitor the temperature. Heat until the oil reaches 375°F (190°C).

Coat Mushrooms in Flour (First Coat): While the oil is heating, prepare your mushrooms. Place 1/2 cup of all-purpose flour in a shallow dish or a zip-top bag. Add the trimmed mushrooms and toss or shake until they are lightly coated in flour, shaking off any excess. This initial dry coating helps the wet batter adhere better.

Prepare the Beer Batter: In a medium bowl, whisk together the remaining 1 cup of all-purpose flour, the beer, kosher salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder until smooth. A few small lumps are okay, but you want a relatively smooth batter consistency, similar to pancake batter.

Coat Mushrooms in Batter: Working in batches, take each flour-coated mushroom and dip it into the beer batter, ensuring it's fully coated. Let any excess batter drip back into the bowl before transferring to the hot oil.

Fry Mushrooms: Carefully drop 4-5 mushrooms at a time into the preheated 375°F (190°C) oil. Do not overcrowd the pot, as this will lower the oil temperature and result in soggy mushrooms. Fry until the mushrooms are beautifully golden brown and crispy, about 7 minutes, turning them occasionally for even browning.

Drain & Repeat: Use a slotted spoon or spider to remove the fried mushrooms from the oil. Transfer them to a plate lined with paper towels to drain any excess oil.

Continue Frying: Repeat the process with the remaining mushrooms, ensuring the oil returns to 375°F (190°C) between batches.

Garnish & Serve: Once all mushrooms are fried, transfer them to a serving platter. Sprinkle generously with fresh chopped parsley. Serve immediately with your favorite dipping sauces.

Tips for Success:

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Don't Overcrowd: Frying in small batches is essential for crispy results. Overcrowding lowers

the oil temperature and steams the food.

Shake Off Excess: Shake off excess flour before dipping in batter, and let excess batter drip off before frying. Less batter means crisper results.

Pat Mushrooms Dry: Ensure your mushrooms are as dry as possible before the first flour coating. Any moisture can cause splattering and lead to a less crispy result.

Serve Immediately: Fried mushrooms are best enjoyed hot and fresh from the fryer when they are at their crispiest.

Serving Suggestions and Pairings:

Storage and Leftover Tips:

More Recipes You Will Love:

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15. **Serving Suggestions and Pairings:** These Crispy Fried Mushrooms are a fantastic appetizer on their own, especially with a variety of dipping sauces. Classic choices include ranch dressing, marinara sauce, comeback sauce, garlic aioli, or a simple squeeze of lemon juice. They also make a great addition to a spread of game-day snacks or a casual party. For other delicious savory bites, consider my [This Baked Brie Appetizer Is My Favorite Effortless Way to Impress Guests](#) or my beloved [This Beer Cheese Dip Is My Favorite Party Starter That Disappears in Minutes](#).
16. **Storage and Leftover Tips:** Fried mushrooms are definitely best enjoyed fresh and hot. Leftovers will lose their crispiness. If you do have any, store them in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1-2 days. To attempt to re-crisp, spread them in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake in a 375°F (190°C) oven or air fryer for 5-10 minutes, or until warmed through and crispy again. They won't be quite as good as fresh, but still edible.
17. **More Recipes You Will Love:** If you loved the savory goodness and crispy texture of these Fried Mushrooms, here are a few more fantastic appetizer and savory recipes that I think you'll absolutely love:
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20. And for an impressive, yet easy, meaty appetizer,

don't miss my [This Baked Kosher Salami Is My Favorite Easy Appetizer With Big Flavor](#).

21. Final Thoughts: These Crispy Fried Mushrooms are a truly delightful appetizer that's worth the small effort of frying. The light, flavorful beer batter and tender interior make them utterly irresistible, proving that homemade fried treats are always superior. Give them a try, and watch them disappear!
22. What's your favorite vegetable to deep fry? Share your ideas and feedback in the comments below, and don't forget to follow Chef Maniac for more delicious and inspiring recipes!

SWAPS & NOTES

What I particularly love about this recipe is the incredibly light and crispy beer batter.

It creates a beautiful golden crust that encases the juicy, tender mushrooms, making every bite a delight.

The blend of garlic and onion powder, along with a good amount of salt and pepper, seasons the batter perfectly.

They're addictive, easy to dip, and always disappear fast whenever I make them.

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