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PREP	COOK	ADDITIONAL	SERVINGS	DIFFICULTY
15 min	**14 min**	**5 min**	**4**	**Easy**

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb (680 g) boneless skinless chicken breast
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 3/4 tsp (4 g) fine salt
- 1/4 tsp (0.5 g) black pepper
- 1 tsp (2 g) paprika
- 1/2 tsp (1.5 g) garlic powder
- 1 tsp (1 g) dried oregano
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

Ingredient Notes

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Instructions

1. Cut chicken into four even cutlets about 3/4 inch thick. Coat with oil, lemon, salt, pepper and seasonings.
2. Preheat air fryer to 380°F (193°C). Arrange chicken in one layer with space between pieces.
3. Air-fry 10–14 minutes, turning halfway, until the thickest part reaches 165°F (74°C).
4. Rest 5 minutes before slicing. Cook in batches rather than stacking.

Temperature & Doneness

Check chicken reaches 165°F (74°C) in the thickest part, avoiding bone. Use a food thermometer; color and time alone are not reliable.

Key Tips

- Even thickness matters more than exact clock time. Air fryers vary, so check temperature early.
- Prepare all measured ingredients before heating the pan. Keep raw and cooked utensils separate.

Common Mistakes

- Skipping the thermometer check.
- Crowding the cooking surface.
- Changing the chicken cut without adjusting the cooking time.

Variations

- Cajun: replace paprika and oregano with salt-free Cajun spices.
- Lime: replace lemon with lime.
- Herb: add chopped parsley after cooking.

Serving

Serve with quinoa and a tomato-cucumber salad.

Storage & Reheating

Storage: Refrigerate promptly in shallow covered containers at 40°F (4°C) or below. Use within 3–4 days, counting any previous storage of cooked chicken.

Freezing: Freeze cooled chicken in airtight portions at 0°F (-18°C) for up to 2 months for best quality. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator. Keep fresh salad components separate.

Reheating: Reheat cooked chicken to 165°F (74°C). Warm sauced dishes gently with a splash of broth; re-crisp coated chicken on a rack in a 375°F (190°C) oven. Keep fresh vegetables and dips separate.

FAQs

Which chicken cut should I use? Use boneless skinless chicken breast as listed for the stated timing.

How do I know when it is done? Check the thickest part reaches 165°F (74°C).

Can I make it ahead? Refrigerate promptly and follow the storage and reheating instructions; keep coatings, dressings and fresh vegetables separate when practical.

Food-safety reference: FoodSafety.gov — Safe minimum internal temperatures —

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