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# **Cajun Blackened Tilapia**

with Creole Sauce & Cheesy Grits





30-40min 2 Servings

Blackened fish is one of Louisiana's best-known dishes. Here, we use tilapia, a mild white fish, coated in a warm Cajun seasoning blend which "blackens" as it cooks, creating a toasted-spice exterior rich with complexity. We pair this Cajun classic with creamy cheese grits and an aromatic Creole-style tomato sauce made with tomatoes and the holy trinity of Cajun cuisine-peppers, celery, and onions.

#### What we send

- 2 scallions
- 1 green bell pepper
- 2 oz celery
- 10 oz pkg tilapia <sup>4</sup>
- 2 (¼ oz) Cajun seasoning
- 3 oz grits
- 8 oz tomato sauce
- 1 pkt seafood broth concentrate <sup>2,4</sup>
- 1½ oz pkt Worcestershire sauce <sup>4</sup>
- 2 oz shredded cheddar-jack blend <sup>7</sup>

# What you need

- · kosher salt & ground pepper
- neutral oil
- unsalted butter 7
- · all-purpose flour 1
- white wine vinegar (or red wine vinegar) <sup>17</sup>
- sugar

#### **Tools**

- small saucepan
- · medium nonstick skillet

#### **Allergens**

Wheat (1), Shellfish (2), Fish (4), Milk (7), Sulphites (17). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### **Nutrition per serving**

Calories 710kcal, Fat 37g, Carbs 62g, Protein 43g



## 1. Prep ingredients

Bring 2 cups water and a pinch of salt to a boil in a small saucepan. Trim scallions; thinly slice, keeping dark greens separate. Halve pepper, discard stems and seeds, and finely chop half (save rest for own use). Trim celery, then finely chop. Pat fish dry; season all over with salt, pepper, and 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning (or more, depending on heat preference).



## 2. Cook grits

To saucepan with **boiling water**, stir in **grits**. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, until grits are tender, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat and keep covered until ready to serve.



3. Blacken fish

Heat **1 tablespoon oil** in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add **fish** and cook until well browned on bottom, 2–3 minutes. Transfer to a plate, browned side up.



4. Begin sauce

Reduce skillet heat to medium; add 1 tablespoon each of butter and flour. Cook, stirring constantly, until flour is light brown, 3-5 minutes. Add scallion whites and light greens, peppers, celery, and a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and starting to brown, 5-6 minutes. Stir in 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.



5. Simmer sauce & fish

Add tomato sauce, broth concentrate, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon vinegar, ½ teaspoon sugar, and ½ cup water. Bring to a boil. Simmer over medium heat until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Season sauce to taste with salt and pepper. Return fish to skillet, browned side up; simmer until fish is just cooked and easily flakes, 1-2 minutes.



6. Finish & serve

Whisk shredded cheddar-jack cheese, 2 tablespoons butter, and 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce into grits until smooth; season to taste with salt and pepper (loosen with water if grits are too thick). Spoon grits into bowls and top with fish and sauce. Sprinkle with scallion dark greens. Enjoy!