

Cheesy Chicken Quesadillas with Avocado Smash

These perfectly cheesy quesadillas are one part crispy, one part fresh and all parts tasty. Its crowning glory is a creamy avocado smash – so give your avo a squeeze in the morning and if it's not perfectly ripe, pop it in a paper bag with a banana or two in a sunny spot. The ethylene gas released will ripen it in no time!



Prep: 10 mins Cook: 25 mins **Total:** 35 mins



level 1



eat me early



high protein







4P	Ingredients
2 tsp	olive oil *
2 packets	free range chicken thighs
1	avocado (recommended amount)
2	lemon, cut into wedges
12	mini flour tortillas
	olive oil spray (or just brush lightly with extra olive oil)
2 blocks	Cheddar cheese, grated
2	birdseye chilli, deseeded & finely chopped
1	red onion, very finely sliced
2 bags	baby spinach leaves, washed
2 bunches	coriander, leaves picked
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Ingredient features in another recipe

Pantry Items

Pre-preparation

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Energy	3870	Kj
Protein	55.9	g
Fat, total	56	g
-saturated	19.6	g
Carbohydrate	46.4	g
-sugars	4.2	g
Sodium	891	mg



You will need: chef's knife, chopping board, box grater, medium ovenproof frying pan, tongs, two forks, small bowl and oven tray lined with baking paper.

1 Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced.



2 Heat half of the olive oil in a medium ovenproof frying pan over a medium heat. Season the chicken thighs with salt and pepper and

cook for **2 minutes** on each side, and then transfer the frying pan to the oven and cook for a further **10 minutes**. This is a good time to prep all of your ingredients.

Tip: If you don't have an ovenproof frying pan, transfer the chicken to a baking dish or oven tray.

Remove the chicken from the oven and shred the chicken into pieces using two forks.



4 In a small bowl mash the **avocado** and the juice of half of the **lemon** wedges. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

5 Place half of the mini flour tortillas on the prepared oven tray and spray or brush lightly with olive oil. Turn the oiled side down. Top each tortilla with some shredded chicken, grated Cheddar cheese, birdseye chilli, red onion and a small handful of the baby spinach leaves. Top with the remaining tortillas and spray or brush lightly with some more oil. Press down lightly to flatten. Cook in the oven for 5-10 minutes or until golden.



6 To serve, cut into wedges and top with the smashed avocado and coriander leaves. Garnish with remaining lemon wedges and baby spinach leaves for some extra greens.