

Kid-Invented Salsa

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Prep Time 10 / Cook Time / Serves 4 - 8

Fun-Da-Mentals Kitchen Skills

chop: to cut something into small, rough pieces using a blade.

knife skills: Bear Claw (growl), Pinch, Plank, and Bridge (look out for trolls).

microwave: to heat or cook food or liquid quickly in a microwave oven, which uses high-frequency electromagnetic waves to generate heat in the food's water molecules.

squeeze: to firmly press or twist a food with fingers, hands, or a device to remove its liquid, like shredded potatoes, frozen and thawed spinach, or tofu.

stir: to mix together two or more ingredients with a spoon or spatula, usually in a circle pattern, or figure eight, or in whatever direction you like!

toss: to lightly lift and drop food items together or coat food items with flour, or a sauce or dressing, as in a salad.

Equipment

☐ Cutting board
☐ Kid-safe knife (a butter knife works great)
□ Dry measuring cups
☐ Measuring spoons
☐ Large mixing bowl
□ Citrus squeezer (optional)
□ Wooden spoon

Ingredients

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□ 1 to 2 limes
\square 1/2 tsp salt, or to taste
\square 1/4 tsp chili powder, or to taste **(for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY sub ground cumin)**
☐ Kids choose 5 of the following:
□ 3 green onions
□ 1 C corn kernels, fresh or frozen (thawed)
☐ 1 tomato **(for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY sub 1 peach or 1/2 mango)**
□ 1 cucumber
□ 2 tomatillos **(Omit for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY)**
\square 1 red, yellow, or orange bell pepper **(Omit for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY)**
\square 1/2 jicama (peeled by an adult)
□ 1/4 C pomegranate seeds
□ 1 avocado
□ 1 handful fresh cilantro
□ 1 tsp dried oregano
Food Allergen Substitutions
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Nightshade : Substitute ground cumin for chili powder. For 1 tomato, substitute 1 peach or 1/2 mango. Omit tomatillos and bell pepper from veggie selection.
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intro
Kids' creativity is the focus this week. Kid chefs will be making salsa with the ingredients they like best.

Chop, slice, tear, mash, or measure the five ingredients your child chose for their salsa: 3 green onions,

chop + measure

1 cup corn kernels, 2 tomatoes, 1 cucumber, 2 tomatillos, 1 bell pepper, 1/2 jicama (peeled by an adult), 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds, 1 avocado, 1 handful of fresh cilantro, and 1 teaspoon dried oregano.

squeeze + mix + taste

Transfer all of the prepared ingredients above into a large mixing bowl. Squeeze the juice of **1 to 2 limes** into the bowl. Add **1/2 teaspoon salt** and **1/4 teaspoon chili powder** to the mixing bowl. Mix carefully with a wooden spoon until the salsa is combined. Taste and add more salt or chili powder if necessary.