Italian Chicken Cakes w. Jalapeño/Tomato Concassé

(12 servings)



Ingredients:

Chicken Tenderloins, cleaned – 2 lbs
Onion, minced – 1 medium
Jalapeños, seeded, minced – 2 medium
Egg, beaten – 1 large
Panko – ¼ cup
Italian bread Crumbs – ¼ cup
Dried Basil – 1 tbsp, heaped
Dried Oregano – 2 tbsp
Sea Salt - 1 tsp
Black Pepper, freshly cracked – 1 tsp
Olive Oil
Flour
Shredded Mozzarella for garnish
Basil Chiffonade for garnish

Preparation:

Cut the cleaned tenderloins (remove sinew) lengthwise in ¼" strips and chop them into small dice.

Sauté the minced onion and jalapeños in a little olive oil briefly, just so the onions turn translucent. Remove to a plate and let cool a bit.

Mix the tenderloin dice with the other ingredients (sans the olive oil and flour) and form small patties, about 2" x 1/2".

Dip them in the flour and cook them in a skillet over medium-high heat until golden brown.

Pour some of the concassé (recipe below) over the top and garnish with the cheese and the basil chiffonade.



Jalapeño/Tomato Concassé

Ingredients:
Jalapeños, seeded, minced – 2 medium
Shallots, minced – 2 large
Garlic, minced – 2 medium cloves
Red Pepper Flakes – 1 tsp
Diced Tomatoes - 1 (28 oz) can
Salt & Black Pepper to taste

Preparation:

Sauté the first 4 ingredients in a little olive oil and add the tomatoes before the garlic turns brown.

Let simmer for about 10 minutes or so to reduce the liquid bit.

Check the taste and add salt and pepper if necessary.

Serve of the chicken cakes, garnish with cheese and basil chiffonade.