

# Italian Chicken Salad & Bacon Croutons with Creamy Pesto Dressing



Hands-on: 20-30 mins Ready in: 30-40 mins

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How to upgrade crunchy croutons? Just add bacon, of course! Sprinkle them over a hearty salad of succulent chicken, crisp greens and a creamy basil and walnut pesto dressing for a fresh-tasting feast that'll be loved by all.

Olive Oil

# Before you start

Remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds before you get cooking.

You'll also need to give your fruit and veggies a wash.

### You will need

Large frying pan

# Ingredients

	2 People	4 People
olive oil*	refer to method	refer to method
garlic	1 clove	2 cloves
cherry/snacking tomatoes	1 punnet	2 punnets
bake-at-home ciabatta	1/2	1
chicken breast	1 small packet	1 large packet
Italian herbs	1⁄2 sachet	1 sachet
creamy pesto dressing	1 packet (50g)	<b>1 packet</b> (100g)
diced bacon	1∕2 packet (45g)	1 packet (90g)
mixed salad leaves	1 medium bag	1 large bag
grated Parmesan cheese	1 packet (30g)	2 packets (60g)

\*Pantry Items

#### Nutrition

Avg Qty	Per Serving	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	2347kJ (561Cal)	612kJ (146Cal)
Protein (g)	45g	11.7g
Fat, total (g)	33.8g	8.8g
- saturated (g)	7.8g	2g
Carbohydrate (g)	16.7g	4.4g
- sugars (g)	3.1g	4.4g
Sodium (mg)	702mg	183mg
Dietary Fibre (g)	4g	1g

The quantities provided above are averages only.

## Allergens

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ingredient, please be aware allergens may have changed.



#### Get prepped

Finely chop the **garlic**. Halve the **cherry/snacking tomatoes**. Tear the **bake-at-home ciabatta** (see ingredients) into bite-sized chunks. Cut the **chicken breast** into 2cm chunks. In a large bowl, combine the **garlic**, **Italian herbs** (see ingredients) and a drizzle of **olive oil**. Add the **chicken**. Season with **salt** and **pepper**, then toss to coat.



Make the pesto dressing

In a small bowl, combine the **creamy pesto dressing**, a splash of **water** and a drizzle of **olive oil**. Season to taste. Set aside.



### Make the bacon croutons

In a large frying pan, heat a drizzle of **olive oil** over a medium-high heat. Cook the **diced bacon** (see ingredients), breaking up with a spoon, until starting to turn golden, **2-3 minutes**. Add the **ciabatta** and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden and crisp, **4-5 minutes**. Season, then transfer to a bowl.



## Cook the chicken

Return the frying pan to a medium-high heat with a drizzle of **olive oil**. Cook the **chicken**, tossing occasionally, until browned and cooked through, **5-6 minutes**.

**TIP:** Chicken is cooked through when it's no longer pink inside.



Bring it all together

In a large bowl, combine the **mixed salad leaves**, cherry tomatoes, grated Parmesan cheese, bacon croutons and chicken. Drizzle with the pesto dressing.



Serve up Toss the Italian chicken salad. Divide between bowls to serve.

# Enjoy!

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