



Crispy Salt and Vinegar Air Fryer Fries

The Magic of a Good Soak

I learned a little secret long ago. Soaking potatoes in vinegar makes them taste amazing. It gives them that sharp, tangy flavor we all love. It's a simple step that does so much.

You just cover the strips with vinegar for half an hour. I use that time to tidy my kitchen. It feels good to have everything ready. This soak is the heart of the recipe. It makes the flavor go deep into the fry.

A Little Story About My First Batch

The first time I made these, I was too excited. I did not pat the potatoes

dry enough. The air fryer made a lot of sizzling noise. I still laugh at that.

But you know what? The fries still turned out wonderfully crispy. A little mistake never hurts. It reminds me that cooking is an adventure. Have you ever had a funny kitchen mistake? I would love to hear about it.

Why We Dry Them Well

After the vinegar bath, you must dry the potatoes. Use a clean kitchen towel. Pat them until they are not wet. This matters more than you think.

Dry potatoes get crispy in the air fryer. Wet ones will steam and get soft. We do not want soft fries. We want that perfect, crispy crunch. It is a small step for a big reward.

The Best Part: That Final Toss

When the fries are hot and crispy from the air fryer, you toss them. You add another teaspoon of vinegar and some salt. Doesn't that smell amazing? That final toss makes the flavor pop.

Fun fact: Adding the vinegar at the end gives you that strong, mouth-watering taste right away. It is like the cherry on top. Which do you prefer, a strong vinegar taste or a mild one? Tell me your favorite.

Cooking Together Brings Us Closer

Sharing food is about more than eating. It is about the time spent together. I love when my grandkids help me in the kitchen. We talk and laugh while the fries cook.

This matters because these are the moments we remember. A simple plate of fries can create a happy memory. It is not just food. It is a feeling of home. What is your favorite food to make with your family?



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Ingredients:

Ingredient	Amount	Notes
Yukon Gold potatoes	4 large	
Distilled white vinegar	4 cups	Or enough to cover potato strips for soaking
Vegetable oil	2 tablespoons	
Distilled white vinegar (for topping)	4 teaspoons, divided	Used to toss the fries after cooking
Salt	To taste	



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My Crispy Salt and Vinegar Fries

I have always loved salt and vinegar potato chips. Their sharp, tangy taste makes me smile. So I decided to make a healthier version at home. My air fryer was the perfect tool for the job. These fries come out so golden and crispy. They taste just like the bagged chips, only better. I love making them for my grandkids after school. The whole kitchen smells wonderful. It reminds me of happy, noisy afternoons.

See also [Bacon Lettuce Tomato Dip Delight](#)

Here is how we make them. Just follow these simple steps. You will feel like a kitchen wizard, I promise.

Step 1: First, give your potatoes a good bath under cold water. Scrub them clean, just like you would a muddy carrot from the garden. Then, carefully cut them into thin strips. I aim for about the width of a pencil. (My hard-learned tip: use a sharp knife! A dull one is more likely to slip.)

Step 2: Now, this is the magic part. Put all your potato strips into a big bowl. Pour the white vinegar over them until they are completely covered. Let them take a little swim for 30 minutes. This soak gives them that wonderful tangy flavor from the inside out. I like to set a timer so I don't forget.

Step 3: After their soak, drain all the vinegar away. Pat the potatoes very dry with a kitchen towel. This is important for crispiness! Then, toss them with the vegetable oil. You want every piece to have a light, shiny coat. **Why do we pat them dry? Share below!**

Step 4: Do not crowd your air fryer basket. Lay the fries in a single

layer. They need their personal space to get crispy. I had to make four little batches. Cook them at 380°F for about 20 minutes. Shake the basket halfway through. I still laugh at how I used to skip the shaking. My fries were always uneven!

Step 5: As soon as each batch is done, toss the hot fries with a teaspoon of vinegar and a sprinkle of salt. Serve them right away. They are best when they are steaming hot and super crunchy. Doesn't that smell amazing?

Cook Time: 18-20 minutes

Total Time: About 1 hour

Yield: 6 servings

Category: Appetizer, Side Dish

See also Rhubarb Cream Cheese Dessert Bars

Three Tasty Twists to Try

Once you master the basic recipe, you can get creative. I love adding little changes to keep things interesting. Here are three of my favorite twists on these crispy fries.

Cheesy Herb Delight: After tossing with vinegar, sprinkle with grated Parmesan and dried rosemary. It tastes so fancy.

Spicy Zing: Add a pinch of chili powder or cayenne pepper with the salt. It gives you a nice, warm kick.

Garlic Lover's Dream: Toss the hot fries with a little garlic powder. It makes the whole kitchen smell like heaven.

Which one would you try first? Comment below!

How to Serve Your Fries

These fries are a star all on their own. But I think every star needs a good supporting cast. For a simple supper, I serve them with a juicy burger. A crisp green salad on the side is also lovely. It balances the tangy fries perfectly.

For drinks, I have two favorites. A frosty glass of lemonade is the best non-alcoholic match. Its sweetness is a happy contrast. For the grown-ups, a cold, pale ale is just right. It cuts through the saltiness so nicely.

Which would you choose tonight?



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Keeping Your Fries Crispy

These fries are best eaten right away. But I know you might have leftovers. Let them cool completely first. Then store them in a sealed container in the fridge. They will keep for two days.

You can freeze them after the air frying step. Just hold the final vinegar toss. I once froze a big batch for my grandson's visit. He was so happy to have a quick snack.

Reheat them in your air fryer to bring back the crunch. A few minutes at 380 degrees works wonders. This saves you time on a busy night. **Have you ever tried storing it this way? Share below!**

Fixing Common Fry Problems

Are your fries not crispy enough? Make sure you pat them very dry. Any extra water will steam them. I remember when I rushed this step. My fries were a bit soft.

Do not crowd the air fryer basket. The hot air needs space to move. This gives you that perfect golden color. It also makes the outside wonderfully crisp.

Are they missing that sharp vinegar taste? Toss them with the vinegar right after cooking. The hot fries soak up the flavor. This little trick makes all the difference. **Which of these problems have you run into before?**

See also [Easy Homemade Cranberry Sauce Recipe](#)

Your Quick Questions, Answered

Q: Are these fries gluten-free? A: Yes, they are naturally gluten-free. Just check your vinegar label to be sure.

Q: Can I make them ahead? A: You can soak and cut the potatoes early. Keep them in the vinegar in your fridge.

Q: What potato can I swap? A: Russet potatoes work very well too. They get extra fluffy on the inside.

Q: Can I double the recipe? A: You can, but cook in batches. Overcrowding the basket makes soggy fries.

Q: Any extra tips? A: Try a sprinkle of malt vinegar powder for a fun change. It is a powerful punch of flavor. **Which tip will you try first?**

My Kitchen to Yours

I hope you love these tangy fries as much as I do. They remind me of summer picnics by the lake. Food is best when shared with loved ones.

I would be so happy to see your creations. Show me your crispy, golden results. It makes my day to see you in the kitchen. **Have you tried this recipe? Tag us on Pinterest!**

Happy cooking! —Elowen Thorn.

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Difficulty: **Beginner**



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Prep time: **15 minutes**



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Cook time: **20 minutes**



Rest time: **30 minutes**



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Total time: **1 hour 5 minutes**



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Servings: **6 servings**



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Calories:**303 kcal**



Best Season: **Summer**

Description

Experience the perfect combination of crispy texture and tangy flavor

with these Air Fryer Salt and Vinegar French Fries.

Ingredients

- 4 large Yukon Gold potatoes
- 4 cups distilled white vinegar, or enough to cover potato strips
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

4 teaspoons distilled white vinegar, divided

salt, to taste

Instructions

1. Rinse and scrub the potatoes under cold water.
2. Using a sharp knife, cut potatoes into thin 1/4 inch strips.
3. Transfer the potato strips to a large bowl, cover with vinegar, and let the potatoes soak for about 30 minutes.
4. Drain the vinegar and pat the potatoes dry. Add the vegetable oil to the bowl and toss to coat.
5. Working in batches, place potatoes into the air fryer basket in a single layer, trying not to overlap. (I made four batches.)
6. Air fry at 380°F for 18-20 minutes, turning once halfway through.
7. After removing each batch of fries from the air fryer, toss with 1 teaspoon vinegar and salt, to taste. Serve immediately.

Notes

For best results, make sure the potatoes are thoroughly dried after

soaking to achieve maximum crispiness in the air fryer.

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