

Mexican Street Corn Salad (Esquites) Recipe

All the delights of elotes in salad form, and you don't even have to fire up the grill to make it.

Active: 15 mins
Total: 15 mins
Serves: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons (30ml) vegetable oil
- 4 ears fresh corn, shucked, [kernels removed](#) (about 3 cups fresh corn kernels)
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 2 ounces (60g) feta or Cotija cheese, finely crumbled
- 1/2 cup finely sliced scallions, green parts only
- 1/2 cup (1/2 ounce) fresh cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and stemmed, finely chopped
- 1 to 2 medium cloves garlic, pressed or minced on a [Microplane grater](#) (about 1 to 2 teaspoons)
- 2 tablespoons (30ml) mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) fresh lime juice from 1 lime
- 1 teaspoon chile powder or hot chile flakes (to taste)

Directions

1. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet or wok over high heat until shimmering. Add corn kernels, season to taste with salt, toss once or twice, and cook without moving until charred on one side, about 2 minutes. Toss corn, stir, and repeat until charred on second side, about 2 minutes longer. Continue tossing and charring until corn is well charred all over, about 10 minutes total. Transfer to a large bowl.
2. Add cheese, scallions, cilantro, jalapeño, garlic, mayonnaise, lime juice, and chile powder and toss to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and more chile powder to taste. Serve immediately.

Special equipment

[Wok](#) or large nonstick skillet, [Microplane grater](#)