

# Crispy Baked Sweet Potato Fries

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Yield: 4 servings 1x

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Learn how to make crispy, oven baked sweet potato fries! Tossed with olive oil and sea salt, sweet potato fries are an easy and healthy homemade snack or side dish. Recipe yields 4 side servings.



## Ingredients

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- 2 pounds sweet potatoes (about 2 medium-large or 3 medium)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Optional spices: freshly ground black pepper, cayenne pepper and/or garlic powder

## Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit with racks in the lower and upper thirds of the oven (make sure the top rack is about 6" from the heat source and no closer). Line two large, rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper so the fries don't get stuck to the pans.
2. Peel the sweet potatoes and cut them into fry-shaped pieces about 1/4" wide and 1/4" thick. Try to cut them into similarly sized pieces so the fries will bake evenly. Transfer half of the uncooked fries to one baking sheet, and the other half to the other baking sheet.
3. Sprinkle the sweet potato fries with the cornstarch (use 1 1/2 teaspoons per pan) and salt (1/4 teaspoon per pan). Toss until the fries are lightly coated in powder. Drizzle the olive oil over the fries (1 tablespoon per pan) and toss until the fries are lightly and evenly coated in oil, and no powdery spots remain (use your fingers to rub visible cornstarch into the fries as necessary).

4. Arrange your fries in a single layer and don't overcrowd; otherwise they will never crisp up. Bake for 20 minutes, then flip the fries so they can cook on all sides. (The easiest way to flip them is with a metal spatula. Section by section, scoop up about ten fries and flip them with a quick turn of the wrist.)
5. Arrange the fries in even layers across the pans again, moving any particularly browned fries more toward the middle of the pan so they don't get overcooked. Return the pans to the oven, swapping their positions (former top pan goes to the lower rack and vice versa).
6. Bake for 10 to 18 more minutes, or until the fries are crispy. You'll know they're almost done when the surface of the fries change from shiny orange to a more matte, puffed up texture. Keep an eye on them, as they can turn from crisp to burnt quickly. Sometimes the lower pan will be done a few minutes before the top pan. Don't worry if the edges are a little bit brown; they will taste more caramelized than burnt.
7. If desired, toss the baked fries with seasonings, to taste. I like to use lots of freshly ground black pepper, and a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon each cayenne pepper and garlic powder. Serve warm!

## Notes

**Storage suggestions:** These fries are best served fresh and hot, but leftovers keep well in the fridge, covered, for up to 4 days. To retain their crispness, reheat in an oven or toaster oven until warmed through and crisp. Leftover fries make a great base for nachos!

**Prepare in advance:** You can peel and slice the sweet potatoes up to 2 days in advance. To prevent them from browning, place the fries in a bowl large enough to contain them and fill the bowl with water. When you're ready to bake, drain and thoroughly pat the fries dry with lint-free tea towels before proceeding with the recipe.

**Make just two servings:** I love having leftover sweet potato fries, but you can cut this recipe in half if desired. Divide the ingredients by 2 and use 1 pan. Bake the fries on the upper rack (make sure it is 6 inches from the heat source). Flip after 15 minutes and keep an eye on them—they will be done 5 to 15 minutes later.

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