Crisp Salmon with Olive Tapenade

We're topping pan-fried salmon with our favorite tapenade. It has kalamata olives, plus a not-so-secret ingredient: sweet cherries. Sound strange? Cherries balance the olives, making a combo that's perfect over crispy salmon. Served over Dijon Brussels sprouts and fingerling potatoes, it's a gourmet taste in just 20 minutes.

20 *Minutes to the* Table

20 Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT 2 Skillets Shallow Pie Pan or Plate

FROM YOUR PANTRY ½ Cup Flour Olive Oil Salt & Pepper

5 MEEZ CONTAINERS Fingerling Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Salmon Olive Tapenade Mustard Vinaigrette

<u>Make The Meal Your Own</u>

Picky Eaters Tip – Cooking with someone who doesn't love Brussels sprouts? Cook the potatoes and Brussels separately, and keep all of their Brussels sprouts for yourself!

Salmon has a reputation for being tricky to cook. Chef Max says the key to perfect salmon is making sure you don't overcook it. Cook over high heat for a few minutes per side and then let it rest. The salmon continues cooking as it rests, so let it sit 5 minutes, covered, off the heat before you cut into it and check for doneness.

Good To Know

Health snapshot per serving - 635 Calories, 39g Fat, 26g Protein, 52g Carbs, 19 Smart Points

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Salmon, Fingerling Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Olive Oil, Kalamata Olives, Apple Cider Vinegar, Green Onion, Dijon Mustard, Brown Sugar, Dried Cherries, Garlic, Herbs



1. Prep the Potatoes

Cut the **Fingerling Potatoes** in half lengthwise and then cut across to create small, even pieces, about 1/2" each.

2. Make the Dijon Brussels & Potatoes

Heat 1 Tbsp oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the cubed potatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until starting to brown on the edges, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the **Brussels Sprouts** along with a generous pinch of salt and pepper and cook, stirring, until the Brussels are well browned and the potatoes are fork tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Mix half of the **Mustard Vinaigrette** into the cooked Brussels and potatoes.

3. Cook the Salmon

While the hash is cooking, pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour in a shallow pie pan or on to a plate and add a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Pat the **Salmon** fillets dry with a paper towel and coat with the flour, making sure each fillet is covered with a thin layer. Repeat this process with remaining salmon.

Heat 2 Tbsp of oil in a large skillet on high heat. Add the salmon and cook until it colors about halfway up the sides, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook an additional 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and let rest 5 minutes.

4. Put It All Together

Serve the veggies topped with salmon. Spread the *Olive Tapenade* on the salmon to taste and drizzle the finished dish with remaining vinaigrette.

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Any kind of flour will work here: all-purpose, rice flour, even tapioca flour. Use your favorite.

Place the salmon in the pan ently to avoid any oil splashing.