## Classic Baked Chicken

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## **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 (4 to 6 pound) whole chicken, cut up
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon each freshly cracked black pepper, Creole/Cajun seasoning, paprika. garlic powder and onion powder, or to taste

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Place chicken pieces into a baking pan skin side down.
- 3. Sprinkle with seasoning, turn skin side up, and sprinkle with remaining seasoning.
- 4. Let rest for 15 minutes while oven preheats.
- 5. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes to 1 hour or to internal temp of 165/170 degrees F in the thickest part of the thigh. Actual time will depend on size of the chicken pieces.
- 6. If chicken is overbrowning before it reaches internal temperature, tent loosely with aluminum foil and return to oven, checking at 10 minute intervals.

## **NOTES**

To ensure the chicken is cooked through and not overcooked, I recommend relying on an instant read thermometer, rather than timing.

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