

INDIRECT · EASY

Smoked Loaded Nachos on the Kamado

The ultimate sharing starter: layers of tortilla chips, melted cheese, beans and jalapeños in a cast-iron pan, kissed by 10-12 minutes of gentle olive-wood smoke and topped with fresh pico de gallo.



PREP

20 min

COOK

12 min

SERVINGS

6

TEMPERATURE

185 °C

Ingredients

300 g corn tortilla chips

200 g refried black beans

2 ud ripe tomatoes (for the pico de gallo)

1 puñado fresh coriander

250 g grated melting cheese (cheddar and Monterey Jack mix)

60 g pickled jalapeño slices

1 ud red onion

1 ud lime (juice and wedges)

Method

1 SET UP INDIRECT

Light the kamado, fit the deflector for indirect cooking and settle the temperature at 180-190 °C. Once the coals are clean, add one chunk of olive wood to make a gentle, aromatic smoke.

2 MAKE THE PICO DE GALLO

Finely dice the tomato, half the red onion and some coriander. Mix with the juice of half a lime and a pinch of salt. Chill it aside: it goes on top at the end, never over the fire, for freshness and contrast.

3 BUILD THE LAYERS

In a cast-iron skillet, spread a layer of tortilla chips, dot with spoonfuls of beans, scatter cheese and some jalapeños. Repeat for two or three layers, finishing with a generous cap of cheese on top to seal it all.

4 SMOKE WITH THE LID

Set the skillet on the kamado, close the lid and cook indirect for 10-12 minutes. The cheese should bubble and melt completely and the edges turn lightly golden. The olive smoke perfumes the chips without softening them.

5 TOP OFF THE HEAT

Take the skillet off the kamado. Spoon the cold pico de gallo over the top, scatter more coriander and, if you like, some avocado slices or a drizzle of sour cream. Wet toppings always go on off the heat so the base stays crisp.

6 SERVE TO SHARE

Bring the skillet straight to the table, with lime wedges alongside to squeeze to taste. Serve at once, while the cheese is still molten and hot. This is hands-on food: dig in, pull and enjoy the cheese stretch.

Editor's tips

- Use thick, sturdy tortilla chips, not thin cheap-bag ones: they hold the weight of cheese and beans without crumbling under the smoke.
- Grate the cheese yourself from a block. Pre-grated cheese carries anti-caking agents that melt worse and leave a floury texture.
- One wood chunk is enough. Too much smoke turns the cheese bitter; here we want an aromatic background, not an intense multi-hour smoke.

Gear for this recipe

Big Green Egg Large

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Petromax FP35 Cast Iron Fire Skillet 35 cm with Handles

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Smokey Olive Wood Olive Wood Chunks 1.5 kg

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Full recipe at: mikamado.es/en/recetas/nachos-ahumados-kamado

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