# **Tahini-Balsamic Chicken Bowls**

with Barley, Arugula & Pear

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2 SERVINGS

The star of these wholesome, flavorful bowls is the creamy, savory dressing-made with tahini, balsamic vinegar, and dijon mustard-we're using to bring together a medley of seared chicken, barley, roasted fennel, and more.



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# **Ingredients**



CHICKEN **TENDERS** 



ARUGULA



FENNEL BULB



2 Tbsps TAHINI



1 Tbsp **DIJON MUSTARD** 



PEARLED BARLEY





RED ONION



2 Tbsps BALSAMIC VINEGAR



1 Tbsp WEEKNIGHT HERO SPICE BLEND\*

<sup>\*</sup> Onion Powder, Garlic Powder, Smoked Paprika & Whole Dried Parsley















To make this recipe diabetes friendly and meet the ADA nutrition guidelines for sodium, it is recommended that no additional salt be added to this recipe when prepared. See nutrition information for sodium as packaged.

# 1 Cook the barley:

- ☐ Place an oven rack in the center of the oven, then preheat to 450°F.
- Fill a medium pot ¾ of the way up with salted water; cover and heat to boiling on high.
- Once boiling, add the barley and cook, uncovered, 28 to 30 minutes, or until tender. Turn off the heat. Drain thoroughly and return to the pot.

# 2 Prepare the ingredients & make the dressing:

- Meanwhile, wash and dry the fresh produce.
- Cut off and discard any stems from the **fennel**, then halve, core, and medium dice the bulb.
- Halve and peel the **onion**; cut into 1-inch-wide wedges, separating the layers.
- Quarter, core, and thinly slice the **pear**.
- ☐ In a bowl, whisk together the vinegar, tahini, 2 teaspoons of water, and half the mustard (you will have extra); season with salt and pepper.

### 3 Roast the vegetables:

- Place the diced fennel and onion wedges on a sheet pan. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons of olive oil and season with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Arrange in an even layer.
- Roast 16 to 18 minutes, or until browned and tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from the oven.

#### 4 Cook the chicken:

- Meanwhile, pat the **chicken** dry with paper towels; season on both sides with salt, pepper, and enough of the spice blend to coat (you may have extra).
- In a medium pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the seasoned chicken. Cook 3 to 5 minutes per side, or until browned and cooked through.
- Transfer to a cutting board.

#### 5 Finish & serve your dish:

- To the pot of cooked barley, add the roasted vegetables, 1 tablespoon of the dressing, and 2 teaspoons of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper; stir to combine.
- ☐ In a large bowl, combine the arugula and sliced pear. Drizzle with 1 teaspoon of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Taste, then season with salt and pepper if desired.
- Chop the **cooked chicken** into bite-sized pieces.
- Serve the finished barley topped with the seasoned arugula and pear and chopped chicken. Drizzle with the remaining dressing. Enjoy!

NUTRITION PER SERVING (AS PREPARED)\* Calories: XXX, Total Carbohydrates: XXXg, Dietary Fiber: XXg, Added Sugar: Xg, Total Fat: XXg, Saturated Fat: XXg, Protein: XXg, Sodium: XXXXmg.

