Lemony Tuna Cakes

Serves Four with a side salad



Ingredients

- 5 (4-ounce) cans of solid-white tuna in water, drained well
- l egg
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ½ teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1 ½ cups panko, divided
- 1/4 cup fresh Italian parsley, finely chopped
- ½ cup scallions, finely chopped
- 1-2 tablespoons mayonnaise (or Greek vogurt)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Zest of one lemon
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons olive oil (for the pan and top of the tuna cakes)

Steps

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray or brush a foil-lined baking sheet pan with olive oil.
- 2. In a large bowl combine tuna, egg, pepper, salt, ¾ cup panko, parsley, scallions, mayo, Dijon, lemon juice and lemon zest. Mix well.
- 3. In a separate shallow bowl combine the remaining ¾ cup panko and parmesan cheese.
- 4. Scoop about ½ cup of the mixture to form a patty. Press each patty into the panko/cheese mixture insuring both sides are coated before placing on the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining tuna mixture.
- 5. If you have an oil spray bottle/can, liberally the tops of the cakes with oil (this helps crisp up the panko). If you don't have a bottle, try drizzling on a little oil. Bake cakes for about 25-30 minutes, or until the tops are crunchy (turning a deep golden brown). Serve warm with lemon wedges.
- **These freeze really well and make a quick weeknight dinner. To freeze, place the baking sheet pan with prepared, UNBAKED cakes in freezer until they are frozen (about 3 hours). Then pop the cakes off the tray and place carefully into a gallon-size zip top bag. Squeeze air out and freeze until ready to bake:)