GREEK-STYLE MARINADE

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This flavorful marinade makes easy work of preparing a terrific weeknight meal or one worthy of sharing with guests.

Use it with a protein of choice and vegetable for skewers or kabobs - chicken tenders or thighs (boneless, skinless), fish and seafood, bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, onions, zucchini, mushrooms, and more.

Serve the skewers as is, or with a tzatziki dipping sauce, a tossed salad and/or brown rice pilaf for a complete meal.

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INGREDIENTS

1 clove garlic, minced (about 1 teaspoon)

5 tablespoons olive or avocado oil

1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider (or apple juice; no added sugar)

1 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 1/2 teaspoons coconut aminos or Worcestershire sauce (low sodium)

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon dried thyme

1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

protein of choice (about 1 1/2 pounds) or assorted vegetables

wooden or metal skewers

DIRECTIONS

- 1. If using wooden skewers, soak in water for at least 30 minutes before using.
- 2. In medium mixing bowl, place the garlic, oil, lemon juice, cider, mustard, coconut aminos or Worcestershire sauce, basil, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper. Whisk together until completely mixed and emulsified.
- 3. Add the protein or vegetables to the bowl with the marinade. Turn gently to coat well, cover bowl and place in the refrigerator.

Marinate for:

- chicken tenders or thighs (boneless, skinless) 30 minutes to 2 hours
- fish and seafood 15 30 minutes
- vegetables 30 45 minutes

- 4. When ready to cook, preheat grill or grill pan on stovetop (medium heat / 350° F). Remove the protein or vegetables from the marinade and thread one piece onto each skewer, then place the skewer on to a platter. Avoid mixing proteins and vegetables on one skewer as they may require different cooking times. Discard any remaining marinade.
- 5. Grilling times will vary by ingredient and size. Use these times as a guide:
 - chicken tenders or thighs (boneless, skinless) approximately 4 5 minutes per side, until no long pink inside, yet not dried out (160° 165°F internal temperature when removed from grill)
 - fish and seafood approximately 2 4 minutes per side, until just cooked through
 - vegetables approximately 5 6 minutes per side, until tender yet hold their shape

Grill in batches if necessary. Place cooked skewers on a platter. For chicken, cover with foil and allow it to rest for 5 minutes before serving; juices will redistribute and internal temp will rise from carry-over cooking.