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*"Write it on your heart that every day is the
best day in the year."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Happy Father's day

Fun With Dad This Father's Day

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"What I have been trying so hard to tell you all along is simply that my father, without the slightest doubt, was the most marvelous and exciting father any boy ever had." – From *Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl.

To the father figures in your life - dads, stepdads, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, and mentors – knowing you appreciate their efforts is all they've really ever hoped for.

While making or finding the perfect gift is always an amazing way to show appreciation, if you're looking for a more active way to show Dad he's your one-of-a-kind, best-of-the-best, real-world superhero this Father's Day, you're in luck. Whether your dad loves to spend his free time golfing, visiting music festivals, hiking and fishing, or backyard barbecuing, one of these ideas is sure to inspire a day your dad will love.

Fresh air and sunshine

A little time outdoors could be just the ticket to have Dad smiling from ear to ear. Plan a family hike or bike ride, an afternoon fishing, an outing at the zoo or the beach, take in a ball game, or hang out in your own backyard. You can bring a picnic lunch, host a family cookout, or plan a fun meal out at a restaurant with outdoor seating.

It's all fun and games

Few dads would pass up the chance for some good old-fashioned fun with the family! Think family kickball, pickleball, or disc golf; board games, bocci ball, bag-toss, horseshoes, or a round of golf. Try a video game tournament or have the kids make backyard carnival games with prizes! Knock his socks off with a trip to an amusement park, water park, go-kart track, arcade, or trampoline park.

Out on the town

If Dad likes to go out on the town, look for a comedy show, farmer's market, or museum. Many towns host festivals or live music events this time of year, carnivals, and car shows. Make it a whole event with ice cream and a stroll around town, sign up for a cooking class, or trivia at his favorite restaurant.

Everything is better together

Whatever your dad likes, it's always better together! It could be just the immediate family or a giant group celebration. No matter your plans, making time on everyone's schedule for some fun and memory-making will make this Father's Day one to remember.

Grilled Chicken with Rosemary and Bacon

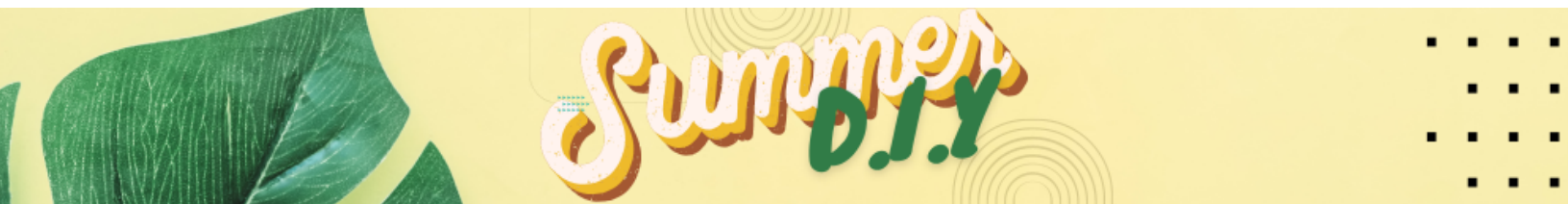
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Ingredients

- 4 teaspoons garlic powder
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 4 thick slices bacon

Directions

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.
2. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon garlic powder on each chicken breast and season with salt and pepper. Lay one rosemary sprig on each chicken breast. Wrap bacon around the chicken to hold the rosemary on. Secure bacon with a toothpick or an additional thick rosemary stem.
3. Cook chicken breasts until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 8 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Stay near the grill to combat any flare-ups from the bacon. Remove the toothpicks before serving.



Summertime DIY Ideas

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Summertime is the perfect time for DIY projects around your home. Here are just a couple of fantastic ideas to get those creative juices flowing and upgrade your home.

Inside – Even inside projects benefit from being able to open the windows for ventilation or take items outdoors to cut or strip. Paint and redecorate a room, add a tile backsplash in your kitchen, or refinish furniture pieces. While you're at it, it's a great time for a round of decluttering, you might even hold a rummage sale to make a little money giving your unused items new life.

Outside – The exterior of your house deserves some love too. Paint your front door a fresh, vibrant color, refresh your house numbers and mailbox, and consider updating light fixtures and ceiling fans. This is a perfect time to hang exterior shutters or add screens to the porch as well.

Decks and Patios – There are so many possibilities, and as many dream spaces as there are people. You could build a whole deck or just upgrade your railing for a smaller project. Add a pergola or shade sail, build a privacy screen, or add a fire pit. Search the internet for plans to build outdoor furniture or to set up your outdoor kitchen. Even small projects like redecorating or adding planters can make a huge impact!

The Garage – Implement a new garage organization system or build a shed to house the yard and garden equipment. Even just adding storage for the bikes can open up a lot of space. A little time and planning up front will make every future project easier with a well-organized workspace.

The Garden – The great thing about gardens and flower beds is that you can add to them year after year. Maybe this is the year you plant new perennials in the front, build a potting bench or compost bin, install a rain barrel, or build plant stands. Maybe this is the year you add a beautiful arbor or a vertical garden wall. Try starting a salad and herb garden in a raised bed near the kitchen for handy summertime access.

The Yard – Even in a small space, the options are endless. Add solar lights to a pathway or landscaping, build a firewood rack, or make a pathway with personalized stepping stones or pebble mosaics. From chicken coops and dog houses to outdoor checkers boards and bag-toss games, make your backyard what you love best.

Now that your head is swimming with DIY ideas, pick something and have some fun with it! Good luck with your projects!



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