CHINESE · DINNER

Vegan Mapo Tofu with Shiitake and Chickpeas

30 min · Serves 4 · 251 kcal a serve · Video 9:02 · Yeung Man Cooking

Vegan · Nut-free

Chickpeas and mushrooms replace the usual pork, so this mapo tofu is plant-based and low in saturated fat, with plenty of folate, vitamin K and plant omega-3. Dried shiitake give a meaty, savoury depth without stock cubes.

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Ingredients 15 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 4 **dried shiitake mushrooms**, simmered then finely diced
- [ ] 590 ml **water** (simmered with the mushrooms and kept as the sauce base)
- [ ] 3 **green onions**, chopped
- [ ] 170 g **canned chickpeas**, drained and roughly crushed
- [ ] 450 g **soft or medium-firm tofu**, cubed
- [ ] 2 cloves **garlic**, finely chopped
- [ ] 1 small piece **ginger**, finely chopped
- [ ] 1–2 tsp **Sichuan peppercorns** (or black peppercorns), toasted and ground
- [ ] 3 tbsp **chilli oil**
- [ ] 1 tsp **chilli powder**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **doubanjiang** (broad bean chilli paste)
- [ ] 1 tsp **cane sugar**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **soy sauce**
- [ ] a splash of **rice vinegar** (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] 2 tsp **potato starch** mixed with 1 tbsp water

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Gluten, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the dried shiitake and water in a small covered saucepan, bring to a boil and simmer on medium for 10 minutes. Keep the liquid; cool the mushrooms, squeeze them out, remove the stalks and dice finely. 0:24
2. Meanwhile chop the green onions, roughly crush the chickpeas with a fork, cube the tofu and finely chop the garlic and ginger. 0:46
3. Toast the peppercorns in a dry pan for about a minute, then grind them in a mortar and pestle. 4:21
4. Heat the chilli oil over medium heat and sauté the chickpeas and mushrooms for 1–2 minutes, then add the garlic and ginger for another minute. 4:49
5. Stir in the chilli powder, ground pepper and doubanjiang, then pour in the mushroom water and season with the sugar, soy sauce and rice vinegar. 5:30
6. Slowly stir in the starch slurry until the sauce thickens, then gently fold in the tofu and heat through. Serve topped with green onion. 6:14

> **Tip** Serves 4 over rice (our estimate). Use 2 tbsp chilli oil for a milder, lighter version; leftovers keep for 3 days in the fridge.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
251 kcal	11 g	20 g	4.4 g	14 g	760 mg
1,050 kJ	22% of a day	16 g net · 3.8 g sugars	16% of a day	1.4 g saturated	33% of a day
		7% of a day		18% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 27% · protein 19% · fat 54%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 72% · Folate 33% · Vitamin K 30% · Selenium 24%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 17% · Magnesium 16% · Zinc 15% · Vitamin E 14% · Vitamin B6 13%

Recipe and video: Yeung Man Cooking (@YEUNGMANCOOKING) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=2i1UFiDY61U, published 7 October 2020. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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