TASTE WITHOUT WASTE

Get Your Greens Egg Fried Rice with Tofu

Serves 4

Ingredients

3/4 cup basmati rice, rinsed well

I tbsp sunflower oil

200g firm tofu (preferably marinated), cut into 1 cm thick strips

150g snow peas, trimmed & cut into 4cm pieces

100g red/orange capsicum, cut into 1cm thick strips

200g (I medium) zucchini, halved lengthways and sliced thinly on the diagonal

5 spring onions, roots removed along with any 'soggy' green parts. Thinly sliced on the diagonal.

200g (2 small) bok choy, leaves shredded & stems sliced on the diagonal.

100g frozen baby peas

I tsp minced ginger

I clove garlic, crushed

Pinch chilli flakes

Small handful of fresh mint & basil, shredded

I tbsp toasted sesame seeds, divided

4 tsp soy sauce/Bragg Liquid Aminos, divided

2 tbsp sesame oil, divided

I egg, lightly beaten

To Serve:

Extra soy sauce/Bragg Liquid Aminos

Extra sesame oil

I tbsp toasted pepitas (pumpkin seeds)

Freshly ground black pepper

Method

Place the rinsed basmati rice in a small pot and cover with 2 cups of cold water. Bring to the boil and cook for 10-12 minutes or until tender, Drain, rinse under cold water and set aside.

*While the rice is cooking you can be cutting up your vegetables!

Heat a large wok over a high heat. Add the sunflower oil. Once hot add the sliced tofu and cook for 3 minutes or until the edges begin to go crispy, tossing occasionally to prevent it from sticking. Transfer to a small bowl or plate.

Drizzle in a little more sunflower oil if the tofu has absorbed it all. Once hot, add the snow peas and capsicum. Stir-fry for 2 minutes, stirring regularly to prevent the vegetables sticking and burning (you want the heat high to prevent the veg steaming and losing their crunch).

Add the zucchini and cook for I minute, then add the spring onions and cook for another minute. Now add sliced bok choy stems and frozen peas and cook for I minute. Throw in the shredded greens and cook for 30 seconds or until just beginning to wilt. Now stir through the ginger, garlic and chilli flakes and cook for another minute or so.

Tip the stir-fried vegetables into a bowl and toss with the shredded mint and basil and half of the sesame seeds, soy sauce and sesame oil.

Wipe out the wok and pour in the remaining sesame oil. Once hot, add the tofu once again and sear for 30 seconds or until warmed through. Remove from the wok and allow to drain on kitchen paper.

Return the wok to the heat and add the rice, stirring until all the grains are coated and it is very hot. Whisk together the beaten egg and remaining soy sauce. Push the rice to one side and pour in the egg mixture. As it starts to cook, scrape it up and stir it into the hot rice. When thoroughly combined and the egg is just cooked (you don't want to dry the rice out), divide among four serving bowls or plates. Top with the stir-fried vegetables and tofu. Garnish with freshly ground black pepper, toasted pepitas and the remaining sesame seeds.

Have extra soy sauce and sesame oil on the table.

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