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Recipe

RICKSHAW BROWN RICE NOURISH BOWL WITH COCONUT PEANUT SAUCE



INGREDIENTS: THE BOWL

2 cups dry brown rice, rinsed
1 reduced-sodium vegetable bouillon cube
1 tsp vegetable oil
1 tsp sesame oil
1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 small red cabbage, thinly sliced
1/2 Tbsp soy sauce
3 medium carrots, julienned
2 medium red bell peppers, julienned
1 cup frozen shelled soybeans
180 g pre-seasoned tofu strips

INGREDIENTS: THE SAUCE

2 1/3 cup peanut butter1/3 cup light canned coconut milk1 lime, juiced1 Tbsp soy sauce1/2 tsp hot samba, or other chili hot sauce

INGREDIENTS: OPTIONAL GARNISH

raw or roasted unsweetened coconut flakes roasted peanuts bean sprouts (not pictured) ▶ ▷ Vegan, gluten-free, refined sugar-free

Yield: 4 servings Prep Time: 10 min Cooking time: 30 min Total Time: 30 min

DIRECTIONS

- In an uncovered medium pot bing the rice, 4 cups of water and the bouillon cube to a boil, then reduce to a simmer until al dente, about 30 minutes. *Tip:* crush the bouillon cube before adding it to the water to ensure it dissolves equally throughout.
- While the rice is cooking, prepare the sauce by adding all the ingredients plus 1 Tbsp hot water to small bowl, and whisk until well combined. Add more hot water if desired to achieve a thinner sauce. Set aside.
- 3. In a separate large pot on high heat add the oils, onion and garlic, stirring until the onions soften, about 2 minutes. Reduce the head to medium-high and add the cabbage and soy sauce, stirring again until the cabbage softens, about 2 minutes. Finally add the carrots, bell peppers, soy beans and tofu for another two minutes. Set aside.
- 4. When the rice is done add the vegetables on top and drizzle on the sauce.

DIRECTIONS

- 1. **Speed-it-up:** soak the rice in advance to quicken the cooking time. Also, purchasing pre-seasoned tofu strips as opposed to seasoning your own as I did in this recipe significantly cuts down on preparation time.
- 2. **Leftovers:** this recipe is delicious enjoyed the next day as well. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 4 days, although I recommend adding the sauce at the time serving after the rice and vegetables have been re-heated. Enjoy!

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