Tofu Larb with Herb and Noodle Salad

Ingredients

½ cup glutinous rice (I used basmati rice – worked well – as I couldn't find organic glutinous rice)

375g tofu crumbled

1 tbsp sunflower oil or use water for oil free

2 spring onions cut on an angle

1 tsp ginger

2 cloves garlic minced

1 lemon grass cut very fine (or ground in a coffee grinder) white bit only

2 kaffir lime leaves cut very fine (or ground in a coffee grinder)

2 tbsp fish sauce (vegan of course https://www.veets.com.au/blog/cur-

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200g mushrooms cut small and fried in 1 tbsp oil until brown

1 to 2 red chillies cut fine (optional)

Juice 1 lime

1 tsp maple syrup

½ tbsp tamari

1/4 to 1/2 cup water

Cos or iceberg lettuce leaves, 2 per person

For the salad

2 massive handfuls of herbs - I used mint and coriander - you could also use Thai basil

8 cherry tomatoes cut in quarters

1 cucumber julienned

3 tbsp cashews (or peanuts but I never use these as they give me a belly ache and are actually legumes not nuts) you can toast the cashews (I forgot)

½ packet of bean thread noodles cooked to packet instructions

2 tsp toasted sesame oil (optional)

Juice 1 lime

1 tbsp tamari (less if you want less sodium)

Method

- 1. Toast the rice in a dry frying pan until it browns a little. Set aside to cool down. When cool, grind it to a flour in a spice grinder.
- 2. Prepare the salad by cooking the noodles to the packet instructions. Cool the noodles down by pouring filtered water on them. Add all the salad ingredients to a bowl and mix.
- 3. Place the sunflower oil in a wok and heat up a little, add the ginger, lemongrass, garlic and kaffir lime. Cook for 3 minutes or so. Add in the crumbled tofu and cook until it browns a little.
- 4. Add 2 tbsp of the ground rice flour and the water*, tamari and fish sauce. Cook until all of the water is dissolved.

 *I added ¼ cup water first then added a further ¼ cup this will vary.
- 5. Either add the cooked mushrooms to the tofu or the salad, I got confused and added half to the tofu and ½ to the salad. Next time I will add them to the salad.
- 6. Serve the larb in nice big lettuce leaves with the salad on the side and the nuts in a pile next to the salad.



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