

Tofu & Chinese Mushroom Stir Fry

This tofu and mushroom stir fry is so simple that you will not believe it could be so tasty! The result is a delicate and delicious dish. Particularly good served with egg fried rice, but still lovely with plain rice if you are opting for a truly vegan meal. The flavours are dependent on using Chinese mushrooms (widely available online or in Asian supermarkets), so do not substitute fresh or even shitake dried ones! serves 2

- about 12 dried chinese mushrooms, soaked for several hours in (initially) warm water
- 200g tofu, pressed to squeeze the liquid out, then sliced
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp white ground pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 spring onions
- 2 tbsp rice wine or dry sherry
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp cornflour mixed with a little water
- 1 tbsp soy sauce (plus more to serve)
- 1. Chop up the whole of the spring onions: chop the green part on the diagonal for a garnish, and chop the stalk finely.
- 2. Mix the salt, sugar and pepper together in a bowl.
- 3. Squeeze the mushrooms, and discard any tough stalks, reserving the soaking water.
- 4. Heat the vegetable oil in a wok, fry the garlic for a minute then fry the mushrooms for a couple more minutes.
- 5. Add 150ml of the mushroom soaking water and bring to the boil, then add the salt/sugar/pepper mix and the rice wine. Add the spring onions and the tofu (stir very gently so it does not break up). Cook for 2 minutes.
- 6. Add the sesame oil, then blend the cornflour with the soy sauce and stir in.
- 7. Serve immediately, scattered with the reserved spring onion, and with soy and chilli sauces on the side.