<u>Noreen's Kitchen</u> <u>Spicy Thai Beef Lettuce Wraps</u>

Ingredients

2 pounds lean ground beef 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper 1 medium onion chopped 6 cloves garlic, minced 2 large carrots, shredded or chopped fine 1 can bamboo shoots, chopped 1 can water chestnuts, chopped 2 tablespoons ginger root, chopped

2 tablespoons lemon grass, minced

4 green onions, sliced

1/4 cup Cilantro, chopped

1 large Jalapeno pepper, chopped

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

Sauce:

1/4 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup plain rice vinegar

2 tablespoons fish sauce

2 tablespoons Thai sweet chili sauce

2 tablespoons sugar

Step by Step Instructions

Brown and drain ground beef in a large skillet until no pink remains.

Add salt and pepper and stir to combine.

Add onion, garlic, ginger and lemon grass and sauté until you can smell their aroma.

Add in carrots, water chestnuts and bamboo shoots and stir to combine. Allow to sauté for a few minutes while you prepare the sauce.

Combine all sauce ingredients in a small bowl and whisk together well.

Pour sauce over meat mixture and stir well. Get ready for the amazing smell!

Turn off heat and add green onion, cilantro and chopped jalapeno. Stir to combine.

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Drizzle over toasted sesame oil and stir in.

Serve with rice and fresh, washed lettuce leaves and cucumber spears.