

Massaman Curry with Paneer Cheese



INGREDIENTS

Prep: 25 mins Servings: 4

4 tablespoons olive oil
12 oz paneer cheese, cubed
2 tablespoons Massaman Curry paste
1 tablespoon of Garam Masala
1 can of coconut milk
Juice from 1 lemon (3 tablespoons)
2 tablespoons of Tamarind Puree
2 tablespoons of Hoisin sauce
2 teaspoons of sugar
Salt to taste

INSTRUCTION

- 1. Heat 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. When hot, add the cheese cubes and sear for about 5 to 10 minutes, constantly turning the cubes to brown them evenly on all sides.
- 3. As they turn crisp and golden, remove, and set aside.
- 4. In the same saucepan add the curry paste and the garam masala and let it toast 1-2 minutes, until fragrant.
- 5. Then add the tamarind puree and hoisin sauce, stir, and add the coconut milk and stir well to combine.
- 6. Add the lemon juice, sugar salt and paneer cheese, simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until the sauce thickens.
- 7. Remove from heat and serve.

Optional: serve over a bed of crispy rice noodles and top with micro greens.

MASSAMAN CURRY PASTE

Yield: 1 cup

1 medium shallot, sliced

4 cloves garlic

1 to 2 fresh Thai chili peppers (or 1/2 to 1 teaspoon of dried crushed Thai chilies)

1 thumb-sized piece galangal, thinly sliced

1 stalk lemongrass, minced (or 2 to 3 tablespoons prepared lemongrass paste)

2 tablespoons fish sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon shrimp paste

1 teaspoon palm sugar (or brown sugar)

1/2 teaspoon toasted whole cumin seeds

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg (preferably freshly ground)

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

1 to 3 tablespoons coconut milk (for desired consistency)

- 1. Place in a food processor and process until everything is well incorporated into a thick paste. (Alternately, combine all ingredients and pulverize in a mortar and pestle.)
- 2. Store the curry paste in a glass jar until is ready to use.