Sautéed Long Bean & Mushroom

Description

This side dish has popping flavors and is so easy to make! If you haven't tried maitake mushrooms yet (also called Hen of the Woods), they have a deep, rich flavor similar but more mild than a porcine or truffle mushroom. But if you can't get your hands on maitake mushrooms, you can always use shiitake for that strong flavor profile.

Total time: 25 min Yield: 4 to 5 servings

Ingredients

1 Tbsp canola or vegetable oil

1 medium onion (julienned)

4 clove garlic (minced)

1 tsp fresh ginger (grated)

1 Thai chile pepper (minced, optional)

1 bunch long bean, about a pound (trimmed and cut into 2" pieces)

2 maitake or shiitake mushrooms (sliced cap to stem into long pieces)

garlic salt and ground black pepper (to taste)

1 tsp sesame oil

sprinkle of roasted black sesame seeds

1/4 cup fried shallots

Prep Time: 15 min Cooking Time: 10 min Total Time: 25 min

Instructions

In a large skillet, heat oil until hot but not smoking (medium high works well). Add the onion and sauté until just starting to soften, then add the garlic, ginger and Thai chile pepper, if using. Stir for one minute, then add the long bean and continue to sauté for 2 to 3 more minutes. Then add the maitake mushroom and season with garlic salt and black pepper. Keep gently stirring (try not to break up the mushroom pieces) and when the mushroom starts to slightly wilt, turn off the heat. Drizzle with sesame oil, sprinkle with black sesame seeds and top with crispy shallots.

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