

Sesame Miso Soup with Ginger and Tofu

Serves 4 to 6

Prep time: 8 minutes Cook time: 13 minutes

2 teaspoons neutral tasting oil (safflower)

6 oz firm silken tofu

4-6 shiitake mushrooms, sliced into thin strips

1 small carrot, grated (about 1/4 cup)

5 cups "no chicken" vegetable broth

1/3 cup mellow white miso

2 teaspoons tamari

2 teaspoons sesame oil, plus dash for serving

2 teaspoons fresh ginger, finely grated

4 scallions, finely chopped

1 teaspoon sesame seeds, for garnish

- 1. Heat 4-quart pot over medium heat. Add oil, tofu, mushrooms, and carrot and cook about 2 to 3 minutes. Add vegetable broth and bring to a simmer.
- 2. Turn heat to medium-low and add miso. Whisk until miso is well dissolved. Add tamari, sesame oil and grated ginger and cook about 7 to 10 minutes to allow flavors to develop.
- 3. Add chopped scallions and additional sesame oil and sesame seeds as garnish when serving. Serve warm.

TIP: If you want to add a little heat to this soup, or any other dish calling for sesame oil, just purchase a hot pepper sesame oil. You will still get all of the sesame flavor, with a spark of fire.