

Dear Producers:

The story of my attempt to make Chinese hot and sour soup makes me a perfect fit for *America's Worst Cooks*. I searched the Internet for an authentic recipe. I had to find a Chinese grocery store to purchase the ingredients. Once I had all the ingredients, I began combining them in a large pot. For some reason, the soup was not thickening. I re-read the recipe and thought there was a typo, so I added two additional *tablespoons* of cornstarch. When the soup still did not thicken, I added two additional *cups* of cornstarch. While I stirred, suddenly the soup turned into a solid brick and my spoon froze in the middle of it. I had to throw the entire batch into the garbage can, including the pot. I learned a valuable lesson, though: An amateur shouldn't think he knows better than the person who created the recipe. Doesn't this experience make me a truly awful cook who should be on your show?

Sincerely,
Awful Cook