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SERVINGS

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Bibimbap is a Korean mixed rice dish made with rice and a variety of add-ins, such as sautéed and pickled veggies, kimchi, tofu, sliced meat or a fried egg.

I have fond memories of going out for Korean food with my dad as a child growing up in Los Angeles. Bibimbap was my first foray into this delicious world.

Our version of Bibimbap is inspired by tradition — a simple and easy way to bring these flavors to your table.

Our <u>Korean BBQ</u> blend, with its savory combination of garlic, ginger, sesame, chile flakes, sugar, citrus and much more, makes a delicious base for a marinade for flank steak.

Our kids are big fans of these bowls, maybe in part because the ingredients come in colorful little piles.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb flank steak
 - 3 tablespoons Oaktown Spice Shop Korean BBQ
- 1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 large carrot, shredded
- 2 Persian cucumbers, diced
- 4 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 12 shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and sliced

Sea salt

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3-4 eggs

2 cups hot cooked rice or other grain of choice

Shichimi Togarashi or Nori, for sprinkling

Sriracha or other hot sauce, if desired

Kimchi, if desired

SOY-SESAME DRESSING

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon sesame oil

2 tablespoons rice vinegar

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 teaspoons sugar (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Slice flank steak against the grain into thin strips. Prepare meat marinade by whisking the Korean BBQ spice, soy sauce and rice vinegar together into a loose paste. Toss the steak in the marinade, ensuring even coverage on all sides. Marinate for 2 hours or up to a half-day.

Make the soy sesame dressing: whisk together soy sauce, sesame oil, rice vinegar, olive oil and sugar if using. Using separate bowls, toss the shredded carrots and the cucumber in the soy-sesame dressing and let sit.

Heat a saute pan to medium-high heat. Add 2 teaspoons canola oil, then add shiitake mushrooms. Sprinkle with salt. Stir-fry for 1-2 minutes. Set aside.

Add 2 more teaspoons canola oil to the pan. Add marinated beef to the pan and stir-fry until cooked through. Set aside.

Finally, crack 3-4 eggs into the pan and fry until the whites are set and yolks are still runny. Season with salt and pepper.

To serve, scoop a mound of rice or other grains into a big bowl. Top with little piles of beef, cucumber, carrots, mushrooms, and kimchi and the fried egg. Sprinkle with Shichimi Togarashi or Nori. Serve hot with a side of Sriracha or other hot sauce

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