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THAI COCONUT MILK SOUP WITH PRAWNS

by Harold Dieterle





Chef Harold Dieterle fell in love with this essential Thai soup on a trip to Thailand. He dedicated himself to perfecting the dish at home -- including a follow-up trip to Thailand. The result is Kin Shop's incredible signature take on this classic coconut milk soup.

ACTIVE TIME

10 mins

TOTAL TIME

25 mins

PORTIONS 1 serving

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INGREDIENTS

Small saucepan

Cutting board

Chef's Knife

Spoon

2 tsp •

Vegetable oil

1 tsp •

Finely-minced garlic

1 tsp •

Finely-minced fresh ginger

1/2 tsp •

Finely-minced lemongrass

1 tsp •

Finely-minced shallot

1 C •

Coconut milk

2 •

Kaffir lime leaves

1/3 C •

Water or light stock

1 1/2 tsp •

Fish sauce (or to taste)

1 tsp •

Coarsely-chopped palm sugar

Pinch crushed Thai dried chile, or to taste

3 ⋅

Large, head-on prawns, peeled and sliced in half lengthwise $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

1/3 C •

Asian long beans, cut into 1" pieces

1 T •

Diced soft tofu

2 T •

Pan-roasted mushrooms, such as shiitake or shimeji

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Squeeze of fresh lime, to taste

Cilantro leaves, to garnish

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Drizzle of Thai chili oil, to garnish

RECIPE

STEP 1

In a small saucepan set over medium-high heat, heat the vegetable oil until shimmering. Add the garlic, ginger, lemongrass and shallot. Saute until fragrant, about one minute. Add the coconut milk and bring to a simmer. Add the kaffir lime leaves and water, and return the soup to a simmer. Add fish sauce to taste.

STEP 2

To the saucepan, add the palm sugar, and let the soup gently simmer for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the dried chili and stir to combine. Simmer the soup for about 10 minutes, to blend the flavors.

STEP 3

Remove the heads from the prawns and squeeze the roe into the soup. Discard the heads. Peel and slice the shrimp and add to the soup. Simmer gently for a minute, until the shrimp are barely cooked through. Add the long or green beans, tofu, and mushrooms to the soup. Remove the soup from the heat and finish with a squeeze of lime juice. Pour the soup into a deep bowl, removing the kaffir lime leaves. Garnish with cilantro and chili oil. Serve immediately.

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