

# TOM KHA GAI SOUP

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## Ingredients

1 tablespoon coconut oil  
½ of one onion sliced  
2 cloves garlic chopped  
½ of one red jalapeno pepper sliced, or a couple Thai chiles, halved  
3 ¼-inch slices galangal or ginger  
1 lemongrass stalk pounded with the side of a knife and cut into 2-inch long pieces  
2 teaspoons red Thai curry paste (optional)  
4 cups chicken stock  
4 cups canned coconut milk  
2 medium chicken breasts cut into bite-sized pieces/vegetarian or to use shrimp  
240gms mushroom, sliced or torn  
2-3 plum tomatoes, deseeded and roughly chopped  
1-2 tablespoons sugar  
1 ½ – 2 tablespoons fish sauce plus more to taste  
2-3 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
2-3 green onions sliced thin  
fresh cilantro chopped, for garnish

## Method

### Step 1

In a medium pot, heat the coconut oil over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, jalapeno or chile, galangal or ginger, lemongrass, and red curry paste and cook, stirring frequently, for 2 minutes, the onions will not have collapsed. Add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

### Step 2:

Strain out the aromatics (the garlic, onions, lemongrass, and ginger) and discard. Add in coconut cream or milk, chicken breast (or tofu or shrimp), mushrooms and tomatoes. Simmer until chicken breast pieces are just cooked through, then add fish sauce, sugar, and lime juice, plus more of each to taste.

### Step 3:

Cook 2 minutes, then ladle into serving bowls and top with sliced green onions and fresh cilantro.

# THE COOKERY

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