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Sesame-Battered Tofu Bowl

with black quinoa, hoisin sauce, lime & fresh avo

Flour-dusted tofu is rolled in seeds and shallow fried for the ultimate crispy crust. With a soft texture on the inside and a bold crunch on the outside, they're served with a bed of protein-powered quinoa, tangy slaw, creamy avo, and lashings of hoisin sauce.

Hands-On Time: 35 minutes

Overall Time: 45 minutes

Serves: 4 People

Chef: Samantha Finnegan



Vegetarian



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Ingredients & Prep

300ml Black Quinoa

30ml Low Sodium Soy Sauce

200g Corn

400g Shredded Cabbage & Julienne Carrot

2 Limes zested & cut into wedges

2 Avocados

120ml Ong's Hoisin Sauce

440g Tofu
drained & sliced into 1-2cm

30ml Cornstarch

330ml Rice Flour

250ml White Sesame Seeds

From Your Kitchen

Paper Towel

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut) Salt & Pepper Water 1. START IT OFF WITH A SIMMER Rinse the quinoa, place in a pot, and submerge in 1,2L of salted water. Place over a medium-high heat and bring to a simmer uncovered. Cook for 20-25 minutes until the quinoa is tender and the tails have popped out, adding more water if required during the cooking process. On completion, drain if necessary and return to the pot. Use a fork to toss through the soy sauce to taste. Cover with a lid and allow to stand off the heat for 5 minutes.

- 2. A COLOURFUL CRUNCH Boil the kettle. Submerge the corn in boiling water for 3-5 minutes until plump and warmed through. Drain on completion and place in a bowl with the cabbage and carrot. Toss through 40ml of olive oil, a squeeze of lime juice, and the zest to taste. Season and set aside for serving.
- 3. TANGY TOPPINGS Halve the avocados and remove the pips. Scoop out the flesh and cut into bite-sized chunks. Place in a bowl, toss through some lime juice and seasoning, and set aside. Loosen the hoisin sauce by mixing with water in 10ml increments until drizzling consistency.
- 4 tbsp of rice flour. Gradually whisk in 85ml of water until a smooth batter. Prepare 2 more shallow bowls: one containing the remaining rice flour and the other containing the sesame seeds.

 5. EVEN MORE CRUNCH! Place a large, nonstick pan over a medium

4. PREP THE BATTER Place the tofu slabs on paper towel and pat down

firmly to remove excess water. Place the cornstarch in a shallow bowl with

- heat with enough oil to cover the base. Coat the tofu in the rice flour, gently dusting off any excess afterwards. Coat in the batter, and finally, coat in the sesame seeds. When the oil is hot, fry the tofu for 1-2 minutes per side until golden and crispy all over. You may need to do this in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan. On completion, remove from the pan and place on paper towel. Season and allow to drain until serving.
- **6. GET READY FOR FOOD BLISS** Dish up your dinner Buddha bowl-style! Make a bed of nutty quinoa. On top, place the slaw, crispy tofu, and zingy avo alongside one another. Cover in drizzles of hoisin dressing and serve with any remaining lime wedges and that's that! Simply stunning, Chef.



To prevent the batter from sticking to your hands instead of the tofu, make sure to use one hand to coat in the wet mixture and the other hand to coat in the dry ingredients. If you're finding this tricky, you can rope in a family member or friend to help you!

Nutritional Information

Per 100g

Energy	780kJ
Energy	187Kcal
Protein	6.9g
Carbs	23g
of which sugars	3.3g
Fibre	3.9g
Fat	7.7g
of which saturated	1g
Sodium	135mg

Allergens

Gluten, Allium, Sesame, Wheat, Soy

Cook within 2 Days