Thai Lettuce Wraps



Makes 4 servings

Total time: 15-20 minutes

Ingredients

Wraps:

1 1/2 cups Walnuts

1/2 cup celery, diced

1/2 cup diced carrots

1/2 red bell pepper, diced

1/2 cup fresh Cilantro, minced

1/4 cup Scallions, minced (greens only)

Sauce:

1/4 cup raw wild honey

1/8 cup soy sauce or Nama Shoyu,

½ teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated

- 1 Tablespoons hulled sesame seeds (optional)
- 1 Tablespoons Sesame Oil (may use Olive oil, but will lose the sesame taste)
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)

Garnish:

1 head of Lettuce, Butter, Bib, or Romaine

Directions

- 1. Gently pull apart lettuce leaves, wash and let dry on paper towel.
- 2. Prepare the sauce in a food processor fitted with an s-blade by adding all ingredients and pulsing 3-4 times.
- 3. Add walnuts to the processor and pulse 4-5 times until meat of walnut is the consistency of ground meat.
- 4. Add vegetables to processor and pulse 3-4 more times or more until all ingredients are incorporated.
- 5. Arrange lettuce leaves on serving platter and place mixture in center. Enjoy!

Tip: Do not throw away the white bottoms of the scallion. Push them down into some dirt (I use a large planter) and water when soil seems dry. You will never have to buy scallions again. It will also grow in a cup of plain water.

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