

# **Panfried Tofu with Asian Caramel Sauce**

SIDE DISH



286 kcal

## Ingredients

2 tablespoons cornstarch
14 ounce block extra-firm tofu rinsed
O.3 cup basil leaves fresh loosely packed
O.5 tablespoon ginger fresh peeled finely chopped
0.3 cup mint leaves fresh loosely packed
1 garlic clove finely chopped
3 tablespoons rice vinegar (not seasoned)
0.5 pound shallots (4 to 5 large)

	3 tablespoons soya sauce	
	0.3 cup sugar	
	1 cup vegetable oil	
	1.3 cups water	
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	frying pan	
	paper towels	
	sauce pan	
	slotted spoon	
Directions		
	Halve tofu crosswise, then cut lengthwise into fourths to form 8 slices. Put tofu slices between several layers of paper towels to drain, replacing towels as needed, until ready to use.	
	Finely chop enough shallots to measure 1/2 cup and reserve.	
	Cut remaining shallots crosswise into 1/8-inch-thick slices and separate into rings.	
	Heat oil in a 10-inch heavy skillet (preferably cast-iron) over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking, then fry sliced shallots in 2 batches, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 11/2 to 3 minutes per batch (watch closely, as shallots can burn easily). Quickly transfer shallots as fried with a slotted spoon to paper towels to drain.	
	Pour off all but 1 tablespoon oil from skillet and reserve skillet.	
	Cook sugar in a dry 1- to 11/2-quart heavy saucepan over moderate heat, undisturbed, until it melts around edges and begins to turn golden, then continue to cook, stirring, until all of sugar is melted and turns a golden caramel.	
	Add reserved chopped shallots (use caution; caramel will bubble up and steam vigorously) and cook, stirring, until shallots shrink and are very fragrant, about 45 seconds.	
	Add garlic and ginger and cook, stirring, 30 seconds. Stir in soy sauce, vinegar, and 11/3 cups water and simmer, stirring, until any hardened caramel is dissolved, about 1 minute.	
	Stir together cornstarch and remaining 2 tablespoons water until smooth, then stir into sauce and simmer, stirring occasionally, 2 minutes.	

Remove from heat and keep warm, covered.
Heat oil remaining in skillet over high heat until hot but not smoking. Meanwhile, blot any excess moisture remaining on tofu with paper towels, then add to hot oil in skillet in 1 layer. Fry tofu, turning over once, until golden and crisp, 7 to 10 minutes total.
Transfer to clean paper towels to drain briefly.
Reheat sauce, then serve tofu topped with sauce, basil, mint, and fried shallots.
·Sauce can be made 1 day ahead and chilled, uncovered, until completely cooled, then covered. Reheat sauce over moderately low heat, thinning it with additional water if necessary.·Shallots can be fried 1 day ahead and cooled completely, uncovered, then kept at room temperature in an airtight container lined with paper towels.
Nutrition Facts

PROTEIN 14.29% FAT 39.88% CARBS 45.83%

#### **Properties**

Glycemic Index:70.02, Glycemic Load:14.15, Inflammation Score:-6, Nutrition Score:8.5556521674861%

#### **Flavonoids**

Eriodictyol: 1.16mg, Eriodictyol: 1.16mg, Eriodictyol: 1.16mg, Eriodictyol: 1.16mg Hesperetin: 0.38mg, Hesperetin: 0.38mg, Hesperetin: 0.38mg, Hesperetin: 0.38mg Apigenin: 0.2mg, Apigenin: 0.2mg Luteolin: 0.47mg, Luteolin: 0.47mg, Luteolin: 0.47mg, Luteolin: 0.47mg Myricetin: 0.01mg, Myricetin: 0.01mg, Myricetin: 0.01mg, Myricetin: 0.01mg Quercetin: 0.01mg, Quercetin: 0.01mg, Quercetin: 0.01mg, Quercetin: 0.01mg

### Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 286.32kcal (14.32%), Fat: 12.97g (19.95%), Saturated Fat: 1.98g (12.4%), Carbohydrates: 33.53g (11.18%), Net Carbohydrates: 31.11g (11.31%), Sugar: 22.34g (24.82%), Cholesterol: Omg (0%), Sodium: 829.62mg (36.07%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 10.46g (20.91%), Vitamin K: 28.81µg (27.44%), Manganese: 0.32mg (16.2%), Phosphorus: 157.1mg (15.71%), Copper: 0.31mg (15.37%), Iron: 2.49mg (13.82%), Vitamin B6: 0.25mg (12.61%), Magnesium: 49.97mg (12.49%), Potassium: 405.37mg (11.58%), Fiber: 2.42g (9.69%), Vitamin B1: 0.13mg (8.39%), Vitamin C: 6.37mg (7.72%), Calcium: 71.92mg (7.19%), Folate: 27.46µg (6.87%), Zinc: 0.96mg (6.42%), Vitamin E: 0.93mg (6.22%), Vitamin A: 267.14IU (5.34%), Vitamin B3: 0.97mg (4.87%), Vitamin B2: 0.08mg (4.79%), Vitamin B5: 0.24mg (2.38%), Selenium: 1.18µg (1.68%)