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Zin Shofu Preparation Instructions

Zin Shofu is a wheat starch that has been precipitated to remove the gluten. Without gluten, the paste is extremely smooth.

Zin Shofu should be prepared using a double boiler that is preheated to a low temperature.

Combine one part Zin Shofu to three or four parts very cold water and mix thoroughly.

Place this mixture in the double boiler and stir constantly. Add more wheat starch until you have one part starch to three or four parts water. The solution will look milky while it is heating and swelling. When the solution becomes clear, remove it from the heat and let it cool to room temperature before using. For a finer paste, strain through a norikoshi strainer.

You will need to experiment to obtain the correct consistency for your project. More water will make a thinner paste and longer cooking time will thicken the paste.

Store prepared Zin Shofu in a sealed glass or plastic container in the refrigerator. Any mold that grows can be scraped off the top.

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