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Ingredients

From The Garden

- One large head of cauliflower
- · Half a head of green cabbage
- Two bell peppers I prefer red and yellow, but any will work
- Three to four cloves of garlic
- Half an onion I prefer yellow
- · Four to five green onions
- Three eggs if you or a friend raise backyard chickens

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- Fortune stir-fry noodles*
- One tablespoon of garlic chili paste
- Half a cup of soy sauce
- Two tablespoons of mirin rice cooking wine
- Two tablespoons of hoisin sauce
- One tablespoon of rice vinegar
- · Two tablespoons of white sugar
- One cup of cornstarch
- Half a cup of water
- Two cups of vegetable oil for cooking
- Sesame seeds for topping
- · Salt to taste

Directions

Prep Vegetables:

- 1. Roughly cut your cauliflower into bite-sized florets. Set aside in a large mixing bowl or high-sided pan.
- 2. Thinly slice your onion.
- 3. Julienne your peppers.
- 4. Mince garlic.
- 5. Remove the core and shred your cabbage.
- 6. Thinly chop your green onions.

Prep Vegetables:

- Add soy sauce, chili garlic paste, mirin, rice vinegar, sugar, and hoisin sauce to a medium-sized saucepan and whisk to incorporate.
- 2. Set the saucepan over high heat on the stovetop.
- 3. Add one tablespoon of cornstarch to half a cup of water and stir until completely incorporated.
- 4. Once your sauce begins to boil, add your cornstarch and water.
- 5. Gently whisk the sauce as it comes back up to a boil. Once it thickens, remove it from heat and allow it to cool.
- Once cool, add salt to taste. If it gets too thick, add water one tablespoon at a time, whisking again until desired thickness. Set aside on the stovetop at the lowest heat to keep warm.

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