

#### PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

# Korean-Inspired Vegetarian Menu and Recipes

Meal	Menu
Breakfast	<ul> <li>Beansprout soup with tofu</li> <li>Rice</li> <li>Fresh orange</li> </ul>
Snack	Pajeon (Scallion Pancake) *
Lunch	Bibimguksu (Spicy Mixed Noodles) *
Snack	Steamed kimchi mandoo
Dinner	<ul> <li>Bibimbap (rice topped with a variety of cooked vegetables and seasoned red pepper paste)</li> <li>Chamoe (Korean melon)</li> </ul>
Snack	Goguma (baked Korean sweet potato)

## Pajeon (Scallion Pancake)

Makes 4 servings.

• Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: about 10 minutes

Total time: 20 minutes

#### Ingredients

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup rice flour
- ¾ cup cold water

- 5 green onions (green part), cut diagonally into about 2-inch pieces
- ½ onion, thinly sliced
- Vegetable oil for frying

#### Instructions

- 1. Add the all-purpose flour and rice flour to a large bowl. Use a fork to mix them together. While you're mixing, slowly add ¾ cup of cold water to the bowl. The batter should have a thin, pancake-batter-consistency. If you prefer a thinner batter, you can add more water little by little to adjust the consistency.
- 2. Add the cut green onions and sliced onions to the batter. Mix well.
- 3. Add about 2 to 3 teaspoons of oil (enough to coat the bottom) to a large skillet. Heat the skillet over medium-high heat.
- 4. Add ½ cup of the batter to the pan and evenly spread it into a flat circle. Cook the batter until it's until golden brown on one side (about 3 minutes). Flip the pancake and cook the other side until it's golden brown. Move the pancake to a plate to serve.
- 5. Repeat the process with the rest of the batter. Add more vegetable oil to the pan as needed to keep the batter from sticking to the bottom. Adjust the heat as needed to keep the batter from burning.

#### **Nutrition information**

Serving size: 1 pancake

• Calories: 446 calories

• Carbohydrates: 56 grams

• Protein: 6 grams

• Fat: 22 grams

• Sodium: 10 milligrams

• Potassium: 168 milligrams

• Added sugar: 0 grams

## **Bibimguksu (Spicy Mixed Noodles)**

Makes 1 serving.

• Prep time: 10 minutes

• Cooking time: 10 minutes

Total time: 20 minutes

### Ingredients

- ½ cup kimchi, chopped
- ¼ cup kimchi brine
- 2 tablespoons gochujang
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds, crushed
- 1 small cucumber, cut into thin stripes
- 1 hard-boiled egg, cut in half
- 1 bundle somyeon (thin wheat noodles)

#### Instructions

- 1. Add the chopped kimchi, kimchi brine, garlic, gochujang, and sesame oil to a bowl. Mix well.
- 2. Add 4 cups of water to a 1-quart saucepan or pot. Bring the water to a boil. Add the noodles and cook for 3 minutes. Drain the noodles and rinse them well in cold water.
- 3. Add the noodles to the kimchi mixture and mix well. Garnish with cucumbers, crushed sesame seeds, and a hard-boiled egg cut in half.

#### **Nutrition information**

Serving size: 1 cup

• Calories: 661 calories

• Carbohydrates: 106 grams

• Protein: 21 grams

• Fat: 20 grams

• Sodium: 3,295 milligrams

• Potassium: 765 milligrams

• Added sugar: 0 grams

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