# Tofu & Tempeh



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## **The Chicken Way**

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cooking Time: 40 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

## Ingredients:

1 pound firm tofu
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup nutritional yeast flakes
1/2 cup powdered "unchicken" broth
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
1 lemon, sliced into thin quarter moons

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Cut tofu into 8 slices.
- 3. Pour olive oil into a soup bowl.
- 4. Mix yeast and broth in another soup bowl.
- 5. Make an assembly line from left to right, in this order: tofu, olive oil bowl, yeast-broth bowl, cookie sheet.
- 6. Dip a slice of tofu in the olive oil.
- 7. Coat the tofu in the yeast-broth mixture.
- 8. Place the tofu on cookie sheet.
- 9. Repeat with remaining slices.
- 10. Bake 30-40 minutes, or until the tofu is golden brown.
- 11. Garnish with parsley and a lemon slice.

#### Note:

• This vegan dish is popular with adults and kids and particularly with people who don't think they like tofu.

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## **Marinated Baked Tofu**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Marinade Time: 2-3 hours Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

## **Ingredients:**

1 pound extra firm tofu

1 cup sesame oil

¼ cup tamari

1 tablespoon paprika

1 tablespoon sesame seeds

½ teaspoon ground ginger

1 teaspoon garlic powder

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Slice tofu into 4 1-inch slices.
- 2. Combine sesame oil, tamari, paprika, sesame seeds, ginger and garlic.
- 3. Combine until well blended.
- 4. Marinate tofu 2-3 hours, or overnight in the fridge.
- 5. Remove tofu from marinade.
- 6. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until done.

#### Note

• Serve over brown rice with some leafy greens on the side.



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## **Marinated Tempeh**

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Marinade Time: 30 minutes hours

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 2 servings

## **Ingredients:**

1 8-ounce package tempeh

- 1 tablespoon ginger juice
- 1 tablespoon tamari
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons water

- 1. Cut tempeh into quarters and then again into eighths.
- 2. Combine ginger juice, tamari, mustard and water and pour over tempeh.
- 3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
- 4. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes and then turn and bake for another 15 minutes.

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## **Very Versatile Mashed Tempeh**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 30 minutes Finishing the Dish: 5 minutes

Yield: 2 servings

## Ingredients:

1/2 cup arame
8 ounces tempeh
1/2 small onion, finely diced
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup finely chopped celery, 1 or 2 stalks
2 tablespoons tahini
1 tablespoon ginger juice
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
Sea salt to taste

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Rinse arame and soak for 2 minutes.
- 2. Place tempeh, onion and arame in a pot.
- 3. Add water and bring to boil, reduce heat to low and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 4. When done cooking drain any excess water through a strainer and transfer to a mixing bowl.
- 5. Mash with fork.
- 6. Add celery, tahini, ginger juice and lemon juice.
- 7. Mix well and add salt to taste.

## Notes:

- For an extra kick, add ½ a diced pear and a few splashes of umeboshi vinegar.
- Use the mashed tempeh to make a sandwich on whole grain bread or use as a filling for a wrap by putting a scoop inside a collard leaf or sheet of nori and rolling it up.

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## **Millet Tofu Patties**

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cooking Time: 40 minutes

Yield: 4-6 servings

## Ingredients:

1 teaspoon olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 cup millet, rinsed

3 cups boiling water or vegetable stock

½ pound firm tofu

1 cup mustard greens, chopped

1 tablespoon tamari

Cayenne pepper, as desired

- 1. Heat oil in a pot.
- 2. Add onions and garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
- 3. Stir in millet and fry until millet is lightly colored.
- 4. Pour boiling water or stock over millet, cover pot, lower heat and cook on medium-low 20-30 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.
- 5. Allow millet to cool briefly.
- 6. Combine cooked millet, tofu, mustard greens, tamari and cayenne in a food processor.
- 7. Process until desired consistency is reached.
- 8. Spread mixture on a baking sheet and chill thoroughly.
- 9. Preheat broiler. Cut mixture into 8 squares.
- 10. Broil on each side until golden brown.



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## **Tempeh Croutons**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 45 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

## **Ingredients:**

1 package tempeh ½ cup olive oil ½ cup apple cider vinegar 2 tablespoon shoyu

- 1. Slice tempeh into bite-size cubes.
- 2. In a bowl, mix together the oil, vinegar and shoyu.
- 3. Add tempeh and mix well.
- 4. Place tempeh in a baking dish or on a cookie sheet and bake at 325 degrees until golden brown, about 45 minutes.
- 5. Let cool and serve in your favorite salad.



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# **Tempeh Reuben Sandwich**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 2 servings

## Ingredients:

4 slices whole grain bread

2 tablespoons Russian dressing (see sauces and dressings section)

1 recipe marinated tempeh (see above)

3 tablespoons sauerkraut

2 slices Swiss cheese

2 teaspoons olive oil

- 1. Spread Russian dressing on two slices of bread.
- 2. Top each slice with half of the tempeh, sauerkraut, cheese and then another slice of bread.
- 3. Heat olive oil in a large pan and fry sandwich on each side 2-3 minutes until cheese melts and bread is a little browned.

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## **Tasty Tempeh Sandwich**

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cooking Time: none Yield: 1 serving

## **Ingredients:**

2 slices whole grain sourdough bread

3 tablespoons mustard

3 tablespoons sauerkraut

Cooked marinated tempeh slices

½ cup blanched mustard greens, or other greens of your choice

## **Directions:**

- 1. Spread each slice of bread with a thin layer of mustard.
- 2. Place sauerkraut, tempeh and greens between bread slices and enjoy.

#### Note

• Use store-bought tempeh burgers to make it even easier.

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## **Tofu Stir-Fry**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Marinade Time: 30 minutes Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

## Ingredients:

1 pound firm tofu

2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil2 tablespoons sesame oil

#### Marinade:

1 tablespoon ginger juice

1/2 tablespoon tamari soy sauce

1/2 cup brown rice vinegar

1/2 cup toasted sesame oil

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

2 cloves shredded garlic

#### **Directions:**

- 1. After draining, cut tofu into 1-inch squares.
- 2. Combine ginger juice, tamari, vinegar, oil, cilantro and garlic in a medium-sized bowl.
- 3. Add tofu to marinade and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or overnight.
- 4. Heat olive oil and sesame oil in a skillet.
- 5. Add tofu and quick stir-fry until tofu becomes golden brown.

## Notes:

- Try pressing the tofu 15-60 minutes. This will increase the ability of the tofu to absorb flavor and will make the tofu crispier. To press tofu, place it in a strainer over a bowl. Cover tofu with a plate and place a heavy object on top, pressing the tofu.
- To make ginger juice, grate about 2 inches of ginger into a piece of cheesecloth or a dishtowel. Wrap the cloth or towel around the ginger and squeeze into bowl.

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## Tofu Teriyaki

Prep Time: 10 minutes Marinade Time: 30 minutes Cooking Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

## Ingredients:

½ cup tamari

2 tablespoons fresh ginger

2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons honey

2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

1 pound extra firm tofu, cut into ½ inch slices

1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flour

Black pepper to taste

2 or more tablespoon olive oil

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Combine tamari, ginger, lemon juice, honey and lemon rind in a small bowl.
- 2. Place tofu slices in a single layer in a baking pan and pour marinade over them.
- 3. Turn to coat.
- 4. Allow tofu to marinate at least 30 minutes, or up to two hours in the fridge.
- 5. Remove tofu and reserve marinade.
- 6. Combine flour and pepper on a plate.
- 7. Dip tofu slices into flour mixture, turning to coat.
- 8. Heat oil in a large frying pan.
- 9. Brown tofu in oil, about 5 minutes per side, adding oil as needed.
- 10. When all slices are browned, add reserved marinade and simmer 10 minutes.

#### Note:

• Add in some steamed or blanched veggies, such as carrots, cauliflower or broccoli in the last few minutes of cooking.