# **Green Tea Miso Soup**



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This is a flavoursome and nourishing soup with the added goodness of green tea. It is a great way to use any surplus brewed green tea you may have on hand from an earlier brew or prepared from a second steep of the leaves.

Servings: 2 - 4 people Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook TIme: 15 minutes

## Ingredients

#### For Brewed Tea Preparation:

- 2 Cups water
- 2 heaped tsp Dragonwell or Japanese Sencha Green Tea

#### For Soup Base:

- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1/3 cup finely chopped spring onions
- 1 medium zucchini (spiral-cut is a lovely touch or finely chopped)
- 1 1/2 cup vegetable or chicken stock
- 1/2 cup firm tofu or cannellini beans (we used the cannellini beans)
- 1/3 cup miso paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2 cups shredded spinach

### Method

- 1. Prepare your green tea with below-boiling water and steep for 3 minutes. Using a strainer, pour the brewed green tea into a jug and set the liquor aside to add to the recipe in the final stages (pop a lid on to keep it warm).
- 2. Heat the sesame oil in a saucepan over medium heat, and then add the fresh ginger, spring onions and spiral-cut zucchini. Sauté for 60 seconds, then remove from the pan and set these ingredients aside.
- 3. Using the same saucepan add the stock, tofu or cannellini beans, and soy sauce. Bring to just below boil, then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer.
- 4. Place the miso paste in a small bowl and add a few ladlefuls of the hot stock. Whisk with a fork until smooth and add back into the soup.
- 5. Add the shredded spinach and lightly sauteed ginger, spring onions, and zucchini. Gently simmer for 2-3 minutes.
- 6. Remove from the heat and add the brewed tea liquor, stirring well to combine.
- 7. Ladle soup into bowls and enjoy.

