# Creamy Gochujang & Cucumber Burgers

with Sesame Sweet Potatoes





#### **Ingredients**



24 oz USDA Prime Ground Beef



2 Persian Cucumbers



1/4 cup Mayonnaise



1 Tbsp Gochujang



4 Challah Buns



2 Scallions



3 Tbsps Ketchup



2 Tbsps Soy Sauce



1 ½ lbs Sweet Potatoes



4 oz Monterey Jack Cheese



1 Tbsp Sesame Oil



2 Tbsps Rice Vinegar

#### **INGREDIENT IN FOCUS**

A Korean pantry staple, gochujang is a sweet and spicy condiment made from fermented glutinous rice and soybean. Here, we're mixing it with creamy mayo and tangy ketchup, adding a layer of umami-rich flavor alongside cheese-smothered patties and crisp, marinated cucumber.



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# Prepare & roast the sweet potatoes

- Place an oven rack in the center of the oven; preheat to 450°F.
- Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- Halve the sweet potatoes lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces.
- · Line a sheet pan with foil.
- Transfer the sweet potato pieces to the foil and drizzle with olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat; arrange in an
- Roast 24 to 26 minutes, or until lightly browned and tender when pierced with a fork.
- Remove from the oven.

## 2 Prepare the remaining ingredients

- Meanwhile, thinly slice the scallions, separating the white bottoms and hollow green tops.
- Grate the cucumbers on the large side of a box grater; place on several layers of paper towels (or use a clean dish towel). Squeeze out the excess liquid.



- Halve the buns.
- Thinly slice the **cheese**.
- In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise, ketchup, and as much of the gochujang as you'd like, depending on how spicy you'd like the dish to be.
- In a separate bowl, combine the prepared cucumbers, sliced white bottoms of the scallions, and vinegar; season with salt and pepper. Set aside to marinate, stirring occasionally, at least 10 minutes.

# Form & cook the patties

- Place the beef and soy sauce in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Gently mix to combine.
- Form the mixture into four 1/2-inch-thick patties.
- In a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat a drizzle of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the patties. Cook 4 to 5 minutes, or until browned.
- Flip the patties (carefully, as the oil may splatter) and evenly top with the sliced cheese. Loosely cover the pan with foil and cook 4 to 5 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and the patties are browned and cooked through.\*
- Leaving any browned bits (or fond) in the pan, transfer to a work surface.
- · Carefully drain off and discard any excess oil.

#### Finish the sweet potatoes

- To the sheet pan of roasted sweet potatoes, carefully add the sesame oil and sliced green tops of the scallions. Stir to coat.
- · Taste, then season with salt and pepper if desired.



## 5 Toast the buns & serve your dish

- Working in batches, add the halved buns, cut side down, to the pan of reserved fond. Toast on medium-high 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until lightly browned. Transfer to a work surface.
- Assemble the burgers using the toasted buns, creamy gochujang, cooked patties, and marinated cucumbers (discarding any liquid).



• Serve the burgers with the finished sweet potatoes on the side. Enjoy!

\*The USDA recommends a minimum safe cooking temperature of 160°F for beef.



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