Togarashi-Spiced Tilapia & Jade Pearl Rice

with Black Radish, Shiso, Tomato & Cucumber Salad

Togarashi is the Japanese word for "chile," and it can refer to almost any kind of spicy pepper. For this dish, we've selected a blend of powdered togarashi called "nanami togarashi." It's a lightly spicy, nuanced mix of red chiles, ground ginger, orange peel, nori and sesame seeds. You'll coat the tilapia in it, then sear the fillets in a hot pan, releasing all the fragrance and flavor of this traditional, Japanese seasoning.





Ingredients

- 2 Tilapia Fillets
- 1 Cup Jade Pearl Rice
- 1 Black Radish
- 1 Kirby Cucumber
- 1 Tomato

Knick Knacks

- 2 Shiso Leaves
- 1 1-Inch Piece Ginger
- 1 Tablespoon Rice Vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon Sesame Oil
- 1 Tablespoon Soy Sauce
- 1 Teaspoon Togarashi

Makes 2 Servings About 500 Calories Per Serving



Cook the rice:

In a medium pot, combine the **rice, a big pinch of salt** and 1½ **cups of water**. Heat to boiling on high. Once boiling, cover, reduce the heat to low and simmer 18 to 22 minutes, or until the water is absorbed. Remove from heat; fluff the finished rice with a fork.



Prepare the ingredients:

While the rice cooks, wash and dry the fresh produce. Peel and mince the ginger. Slice the radish into thin rounds, then cut into matchsticks; place in a bowl of ice water. Thinly slice the shiso leaves. Slice the cucumber lengthwise; using a spoon, scoop out and discard the seeds. Thinly slice the cucumber on an angle. Cut the tomato into wedges.



Make & dress the salad:

While the rice continues to cook, in a medium bowl, combine the ginger, tomato, cucumber, radish (drain before adding) and all but a pinch of the shiso leaves (save the rest for garnish). Add the soy sauce, rice vinegar and half the sesame oil. Toss gently to coat and season with salt and pepper to taste. Let stand as you continue cooking.



Cook the fish:

Season the **tilapia** with salt and pepper on both sides. Sprinkle 1 side of each fillet with **as much of the togarashi as you'd like**, depending on how spicy you'd like the fish to be. In a medium pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of oil and **as much of the remaining sesame oil as you'd like** (you may have extra) on medium-high until hot. Add the coated fish, togarashiseasoned side down first. Cook 2 to 4 minutes per side, or until cooked through.



Plate your dish:

Divide the **cooked rice**, **fish** and **salad** between 2 plates. Top each serving of rice and fish with a spoonful of the **dressing** from the bottom of the salad bowl. Garnish with the **remaining shiso**. Enjoy!