Spicy Pork and Greens Soup

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Ingredients

1/2 pound ground pork

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 teaspoons finely grated peeled ginger

1 teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns, crushed

3/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds, coarsely chopped

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper

4 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 bunch greens, torn (about 4 cups)

4 scallions, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon fish sauce (such as nam pla or nuoc nam)

8 ounces wide rice noodles

Preparation

Mix pork, garlic, ginger, Sichuan peppercorns, red pepper flakes, and cumin in a medium bowl. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add pork mixture; season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring and breaking up with a spoon, until browned and cooked through, 8–10 minutes. Add broth and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until flavors meld, 8–10 minutes. Add greens, scallions, soy sauce, and fish sauce and cook, stirring occasionally, until greens are tender, 5–8 minutes; season with salt and black pepper.

Meanwhile, cook noodles according to package directions; drain.

Divide noodles among bowls and ladle soup over.