

"Hawaiian-Asian Fusion!"

Chicken Lettuce Cups

24 whole lettuce leaves; preferably Boston head lettuce

2 lbs. chicken thighs, boneless and skinless, cut into strips

¼ cup cornstarch

KSP (Kosher Salt, Pepper)

6 tbsp ea. soy sauce, peanut oil

3/4 cup rice vinegar

2 tbsp sesame oil

2 tsp sherry vinegar

1 cup ea. julienne carrot, red pepper, thinly sliced yellow onion

3 tbsp finely chopped garlic

2 tbsp peeled and finely chopped ginger

6 scallions, trimmed and minced

2 tsp red pepper flakes

½ cup Chinese plum wine

½ cup chicken stock

1/4 cup chiffonade of fresh mint

- 1. Fill a bowl with ice water; add lettuce and soak for 15 min.
- 2. In another bowl, add chicken, cornstarch; season with KSP.
- 3. Sauté carrot, onion, and peppers until slightly softened.
- 4. Mix together 2 tbsp each soy sauce and peanut oil, ¼ cup rice vinegar and sesame oil and sherry vinegar. Toss with sautéed veggies.
- 5. Drain lettuce leaves and pat dry; arrange on serving platter and divide vegetable mixture among the leaves.



- 6. In a skillet, heat the remaining 4 tbsp of peanut oil over high heat and brown chicken strips; toss in garlic, ginger, scallions, and red pepper flakes, stir to combine.
- 7. Cook until browned; add 4 tbsp of soy sauce and ½ cup of rice vinegar, plum wine, chicken stock, and cook 6-8 minutes longer or until most of the cooking liquid has evaporated. Taste and adjust seasoning with KSP.
- 8. Divide chicken mixture evenly among the lettuce cups and sprinkle with mint. Serve immediately.

*Chiffonade: thinly shredded strips of fresh herbs.