CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS

Cooking sauce:

- 1/4 c. hoisin sauce
- 3 t. soy sauce
- 3 t. dry sherry
- 1 1/2 T. water
- 3 t. sesame oil
- 3 t. sugar
- 1 1/2 T. cornstarch
- 3 T. chili paste

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2 t. dry sherry

2 t. water

- 1 t. soy sauce
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 pounds ground chicken
- 5 T. sesame oil
- 1 t. minced fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 green onions, minced, plus more for garnish
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, separated into leaves
- store-bought, bottled Asian dipping sauce (opt.)

Mix all the ingredients for the cooking sauce together in a small bowl. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the 1 t. cornstarch, sherry, water, soy sauce, salt and pepper, and the ground chicken. With your hands, work the ingredients into the ground chicken, while still keeping the ground chicken fairly broken up.

Heat a wok or a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add 4 T. sesame oil to the hot pan and heat until shimmering, but not smoking. Then add the chicken and cook for 5-7 minutes, or until cooked through. Remove from pan and set aside.

Add 1 T. sesame oil to pan. Add the ginger, garlic, and green onions to pan and stir-fry for about 30-60 seconds. Return chicken to pan. Add cooking sauce and simmer until thickened and hot.

Serve with lettuce leaves for wrapping, Asian dipping sauce, and additional, diagonally-sliced green onions.

Serves 4.

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