# **PLANT-BASED PROTEIN BULGOGI BOWLS**

with Carrots, Pickled Cucumber & Sriracha Crema



# Ground plant-based protein is simmered in bulgogi sauce

for tons of savory, sweet, saucy flavor-minus the meat!



PREP: 5 MIN COOK: 20 MIN CALORIES: 800

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## **SLICE SLICE BABY**

Cucumber ribbons = maximum marinade absorption. If you'd rather skip the peeler this time around, we suggest thinly slicing your cuke lengthwise in step 2 instead.

#### **BUST OUT**

- Small pot
- Medium bowl
- Peeler
- Large pan
- Small bowl
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Sugar (½ tsp | 1 tsp)
- Vegetable oil (2 tsp | 2 tsp)
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP)
  Contains: Milk

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\* Plant-Based Protein is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 165°.



## 1 COOK RICE & PREP

- Wash and dry all produce.
- In a small pot, combine rice, ¾ cup water (1½ cups for 4 servings), and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce to a low simmer. Cook until rice is tender, 15-18 minutes. Keep covered off heat until ready to serve.
- Meanwhile, trim and thinly slice **scallions**, separating whites from greens.



#### **2 PICKLE CUCUMBER**

- In a medium bowl, combine half the vinegar (you'll use the rest later), ½ tsp sugar (1 tsp for 4 servings), and a pinch of salt.
- Trim ends from **cucumber**. Using a peeler, shave cucumber lengthwise into ribbons, rotating as you go, until you get to the seedy core; discard core.
- Stir ribbons into bowl with **vinegar mixture**. Set aside, tossing occasionally, until ready to serve.



## **3 COOK CARROTS**

 Heat a drizzle of **oil** in a large, preferably nonstick, pan over mediumhigh heat. Add **carrots** and cook, stirring, until just tender, 1 minute.
 Season with **salt** and **pepper**. Turn off heat; transfer to a plate.



# **4 COOK PLANT-BASED PROTEIN**

- Heat another drizzle of **oil** in same pan over medium-high heat. Add **scallion** whites and cook until fragrant, 1 minute.
- Add plant-based protein\* and a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up into pieces, until browned and warmed through, 4-5 minutes. TIP: If mixture seems dry, add a splash of water; we used 2 TBSP.
- Stir in half the sesame seeds (save the rest for serving) and remaining vinegar. Cook for 30 seconds, then stir in bulgogi sauce. Bring to a simmer, then immediately turn off heat. Season again with salt and pepper.



#### 5 MAKE SRIRACHA CREMA

 While plant-based protein cooks, in a small bowl, combine sour cream and sriracha to taste. Stir in water 1 tsp at a time until mixture reaches a drizzling consistency. Season with salt.



# 6 FINISH & SERVE

- Fluff **rice** with a fork. Stir in **1 TBSP butter (2 TBSP for 4 servings)** and season with **salt** and **pepper**; divide between bowls.
- Arrange plant-based protein, carrots, and pickled cucumber on top.
   (TIP: Drain any excess liquid from cucumber before adding.) Drizzle crema over everything. Garnish with scallion greens and as many remaining sesame seeds as you like.