## **Vegetarian Hot Pot**

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- 5 ½ cups vegetable broth
- 4 1/4" thick slices fresh ginger, peeled
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled
- 2 Tbsp canola oil
- 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups shitake mushrooms, stemmed, wiped clean and sliced
- ½ tsp crushed red pepper, or to taste
- 1 bok choy, cut into ½" pieces, stems and greens separated
- 3 ½ oz Chinese wheat noodles or rice sticks
- 1 14-oz pkg firm tofu, drained, patted dry and cut into ½" cubes
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 4 to 6 tsp rice vinegar
- 2 tsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp toasted sesame oil
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup chopped scallions, for garnish
  - Combine broth, ginger and garlic in a Dutch oven. Bring to a simmer. Simmer, partially covered, over medium-low heat for 15 minutes.
  - Discard the ginger and garlic.
  - Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.
  - Add mushrooms and crushed red pepper. Cook, stirring often, until tender, 3 to 5 minutes.
  - Add bok choy stems. Cook, stirring often, until tender, 3 to 4 minutes.
  - Add the mushroom mixture to the broth.
  - Add noodles, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 3 minutes.
  - Add bok choy greens and tofu. Simmer until heated through, about 2 minutes.
  - Stir in carrots, vinegar to taste, soy sauce and sesame oil.
  - Serve garnished with scallions.



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