

EASY VEGAN SUSHI ROLLS (3 RECIPES IN 1)

50 minutes | makes 3 maki rolls and 3 california rolls (48 sushi pieces)

INGREDIENTS

STEP BY STEP

SUSHI RICE

2 cups | 410 gr. uncooked sushi rice 2 1/2 cups | 625 ml. water

 $1/2 \text{ cup} \mid 125 \text{ ml. sushi rice vinegar mix (store-}$

bought and ready to use)

TOFU CREAM CHEESE

250 gr. block of tofu, drained and patted dry 1/3 cup | 80 ml. water

3 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp maple syrup

1/2 tsp sea salt

1/4 tsp garlic powder

2 tbsp capers, drained and roughly chopped

Start by gathering, preparing and measuring all of the ingredients. This will improve your dynamic in the kitchen.

SUSHI RICE

- 1. Rinse the rice in a strainer or fine mesh sieve until the water runs clear
- 2. Combine rice with water in a medium pot.
- 3. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and allow to cook, unstirred, for 20 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the heat, take off the lid and cover the pot with a clean kitchen cloth. Allow to rest for 5 minutes.
- 5. Transfer the rice to a wooden bowl, spread it out with a wooden spoon (do not use metal utensils at this point) and allow to cool down until it's cool enough to handle.
- 6. Drizzle the sushi rice vinegar mix over the rice and mix gently, making sure all the rice is coated with the seasonings.

TOFU CREAM CHEESE

- Add all of the ingredients, except for the capers, to a high-speed blender or food processor and blend until perfectly combined and smooth.
- 2. Transfer to a bowl (preferably chilled) and fold in the chopped capers.
- 3. Keep the tofu cream cheese in the fridge while preparing the the other ingredients.

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CREAM CHEESE, CUCUMBER & TOMATO ROLLS

nori sheets

cooked sushi rice

tofu cream cheese

1/2 cucumber, deseeded and julienned

4 sundried tomatoes, patted dry and roughly sliced

black sesame seeds

FRUITY TAHINI ROLLS

nori sheets

cooked sushi rice

6 strawberries, thick julienned

1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted and thick julienned

1 ripe avocado, sliced

tahini

CHICKPEA "TUNA" ROLL

nori sheets

cooked sushi rice

chickpea sunflower spread (recipe on the blog)

fresh spinach leaves

1 medium carrot, peeled and julienned 1/2 beetroot, peeled and julienned

MAKE THE MAKI ROLLS (either flavour)

- 1. Grab your sushi mat (may or may not be wrapped in cling film) and place a whole sheet of nori on top.
- 2. Dip your hands in water (to avoid sticking) and spread a thin layer of rice all over the nori sheet, apart from a 1.5 cm strip near the further edge.
- 3. Spoon the sauce/cream/paste (if any) in a line across the portion of the rice closest to you and arrange the veggies and fruits on top.
- 4. Pull the mat and roll the nori and rice over the veggies. Push the veggies into the roll with your fingers and roll the mat over to shape and tighten the maki roll.
- 5. Place the shaped rolls in a shallow dish or tray and store in the fridge for 10-15 minutes.
- 6. Use a very sharp chef knife with the edge dipped in water to slice each roll into 8 maki pieces. Wipe the edge of the knife with a clean kitchen cloth and dip it in water after every slice.

MAKE THE CALIFORNIA ROLLS (either flavour)

- 1. Cut 2 nori sheets in half.
- 2. Grab your sushi mat (preferably wrapped in cling film) and place one half sheet of nori on top.
- 3. Dip your hands in water (to avoid sticking) and spread a thin layer of rice all over the nori sheet.
- 4. Sprinkle a generous dose of sesame seeds on top of the rice and carefully flip the whole sheet over.
- Spoon the sauce/cream/paste (if any) in a line across the portion of the nori sheet closest to you and arrange the veggies and fruits on top.
- 6. Pull the mat and roll the rice and nori over the veggies. Push the veggies into the roll with your fingers and roll the mat over to shape and tighten the california roll.
- 7. Place the shaped rolls in a shallow dish or tray and store in the fridge for 10-15 minutes.
- 8. Use a very sharp chef knife with the edge dipped in water to slice each roll into 8 california pieces. Wipe the edge of the knife with a clean kitchen cloth and dip it in water after every slice.

Serve straight away with pickled ginger, shoyu or soy sauce, and wasabi. Leftovers will keep well if stored in an airtight container in the fridge up to 2 days.



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