# **TVP Lettuce Wraps**

With the holiday season behind us now, having enjoyed many nice meals and baked goods, we are looking forward to lighter meals. Lettuce wraps are a great way to cut back on breads, yet still have a filling and satisfying meal.

- 6 large lettuce leaves
- 1 cup TVP (textured vegetable protein)
- 1&1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon taco seasoning
- pinch salt and pepper
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- **10-12** water chestnuts, thinly sliced

1/2 cup corn

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1/2-3/4 cup Thai sweet spicy chili sauce

- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon tamari or slight soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger

## Method

- 1 Cut the bottom stem from the lettuce making it easier to carefully remove the lettuce leaves.
- **2** Wash, pat dry the leaves and set aside.
- Place the TVP in a bowl and pour the boiling water over. Put a plate or lid on top of the bowl and allow the TVP to swell for 10 minutes or so.
- 4. Chop the onion.



### Servings/Yield

3 servings 6 wraps

### **Categories**

Healthy, High Fiber, Low Calorie, Low Cholesterol, Low Fat, Vegan, quick and easy

- Heat the oil in a small frying pan and sauté the onion until glassy.
- **6** Add the TVP and stir well to mix.
- **7** Add the tomato pate, taco herbs and salt and pepper to taste.
- 8 Mix well and remove the TVP mixture from the heat.
- **9** Peel and grate the carrot.
- 10. Slice the water chestnuts and prepare the corn (drain the liquid if it is in a can, thaw if frozen, cook if fresh).
- **11. to prepare the dipping sauce:** Mix the Thai sweet chill sauce with the sesame oil, tamari and ginger. Season to taste and place in a small dipping bowl.
- **12. to make the wraps:** place a tablespoon of each ingredient in each lettuce leaf and wrap up as you do a tamale. Set 2 lettuce wraps on each plate with some dipping sauce.