

Soba Bowls with Tea-Poached Salmon and Roasted Broccoli (rewritten but barely changed from Sara Forte's *The Sprouted Kitchen*)

Serves 4

I used about 6.5 ounces soba instead of 9.5, and it seemed like a fine amount.

- 3 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons tahini
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar
- grated zest and juice of 1 lime
- 3 tablespoons tamari or soy sauce
- 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 1 bunch or 2 small crowns broccoli, chopped into approximately 1-inch florets
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- pinch of sea salt
- 3 green tea bags
- 1 tablespoon peppercorns
- ½ cup mirin or dry white wine
- 11/4 pound salmon fillet
- 1 (9.5-ounce) package soba noodles
- 4 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup white or black sesame seeds
- 1. Place a rimmed baking sheet in the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the sesame oil, tahini, agave nectar, lime juice and zest, soy sauce, and ginger. Set aside.
- 3. Remove the hot baking sheet from the oven. Spread the olive oil on the sheet, then add the broccoli and a pinch of salt, tossing to coat the broccoli with oil. Roast until the broccoli is tender and caramelized, about 15 minutes, stirring once.
- 4. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
- 5. In a medium skillet, bring 1 cup of water to a simmer. Add the tea bags and peppercorns, cover, reduce to the heat to low, and let steep for 3 minutes. Discard the tea bags and add the mirin to the skillet. Place the salmon in the liquid, skin-side down. Cover and cook over low heat until the salmon flakes and is no longer translucent in the middle, 8-10 minutes.
- 6. Cook the noodles in the boiling water according to the package instructions, 4-5 minutes. Drain and briefly rinse.
- 7. Remove the skin from the salmon and transfer the meat to a large bowl, breaking it into large chunks. Add the broccoli, noodles, dressing, green onions, and half the cilantro to the bowl; toss to combine. Top with the remaining cilantro and sesame seeds; serve.