COLD UDON NOODLE BOWL

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This build-your-own noodle bowl is very customizable, delicious, and can be meal prepped for the week ahead! It is super easy to make and can be done in 30 minutes.

**INGREDIENTS**

**Essential**
- Dried or frozen udon noodles
- Sauce (1/4 cup per portion):
  - 1 cup dashi stock (0.5 - 1 tsp dashi powder with 1 cup hot water)
  - 1/4 cup soy sauce
  - 2 tbsp mirin (OR substitute 1 tbsp honey with 1 tbsp water)

**Add-Ins (Pick and choose what you want)**
- Meat (Can marinate in Korean BBQ/bulgogi/kalbi marinade):
  - Thinly sliced/shaved beef
  - Chicken breast/thigh
  - Firm tofu
  - Steak
- Vegetables:
  - Onions cut into half moons/strips
  - Carrots, thinly sliced
  - White/brown mushrooms, sliced
  - Baby boy choy
  - Broccolini
- Toppings:
  - Sesame seeds
  - Crushed chili flakes
  - Fried onions/shallots
  - Green onion, chopped
  - Chili oil
  - Shredded seaweed

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Stir fry vegetables and meat separately.*
2. Prepare the sauce.
3. Boil udon noodles until al dente. Frozen udon will take a few minutes, dried udon will take a bit longer. Immediately drain and rinse with cold water until cool.
4. Assemble by mixing together noodles, vegetables, meat, and 1/4 cup of sauce (use as little to get all the noodles and add-ins coated while having a little residual sauce on the bottom).
5. Add toppings and enjoy!

*Note: Vegetables, meat, and sauce can be prepared ahead of time and kept in the fridge for up to a week. Noodles should be made right before eating. Toppings can be slightly reheated in the microwave for 30–60 seconds before eating.