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# **Sesame-Crusted Salmon with Kale** Goma-Ae

& Sushi Rice

30-40min 2 Servings

This homestyle Japanese meal elevates the versatile and flavorsome sesame seed to iconic status. We coat succulent salmon filets in mixed sesame seeds before browning them to create a crisp crust. Goma-ae, a classic sweet sesametamari dressing, flavors cooked kale with toasted sesame seeds and sesame oil. Citrusy ponzu sauce and scallion mayo complement the rich fish while sticky sushi rice soaks up all the flavors.

#### What we send

- 5 oz sushi rice
- 1 bunch curly kale
- 2 (¼ oz) pkts toasted sesame seeds <sup>11</sup>
- ½ oz tamari soy sauce 6
- ½ oz toasted sesame oil 11
- 2 scallions
- 2 oz mayonnaise 3,6
- 1.8 oz ponzu sauce <sup>6</sup>
- 10 oz pkg salmon filets <sup>4</sup>
- 2 (¼ oz) pkts mixed sesame seeds <sup>11</sup>

# What you need

- kosher salt & ground pepper
- sugar
- · neutral oil

### **Tools**

- · fine-mesh sieve
- small saucepan
- · medium nonstick skillet

#### **Cooking tip**

For a cool presentation, thinly slice scallion dark greens on a long angle and cover with ice water for 10 minutes. Scallions will curl up!

#### Allergens

Egg (3), Fish (4), Soy (6), Sesame (11). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### **Nutrition per serving**

Calories 980kcal, Fat 59g, Carbs 70g, Protein 40g



#### 1. Cook rice

Rinse **rice** in a fine-mesh sieve until water runs clear. In a small saucepan, combine rice with **1**½ **cups water** and ½ **teaspoon salt**. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook until rice is tender and water is absorbed, about 17 minutes. Keep covered until ready to serve.



#### 2. Cook kale

Strip **kale leaves** from tough stems; discard stems. Tear or chop leaves into bite-sized pieces. Place kale and **1 cup water** in a medium nonstick skillet. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and cook until kale is tender, stirring halfway through, 5-7 minutes. Drain in a fine-mesh sieve and rinse under cold water; squeeze dry. Wipe out skillet and reserve for step 5.



## 3. Make sesame dressing

While **kale** cooks, in a medium bowl, stir together **toasted sesame seeds, tamari**, and **2 teaspoons each of sesame oil and sugar**. Mix in cooked kale; set aside until ready to serve.

Trim **scallions**; finely chop whites and light greens, then transfer to a small bowl. Thinly slice dark greens on an angle; place in a bowl with ice water and set aside.



4. Mix mayo & prep salmon

Stir mayo, ½ teaspoon ponzu, and remaining sesame oil into bowl with scallion whites and light greens.

Remove and discard **salmon skin** with a sharp knife; season fish all over with **salt** and **pepper**. Brush skin side with a thin layer of the mayo mixture; reserve rest for serving. Place **mixed sesame seeds** on a plate. Press salmon into seeds, mayo-side down, until coated.



5. Cook salmon

In reserved skillet, heat **2 teaspoons oil** over medium-high until shimmering. Add **salmon**, sesame-side down. Lower heat to medium and cook until **seeds** are browned, 2-3 minutes. Carefully flip and continue cooking to desired doneness, 2-4 minutes longer. Transfer to a plate.



6. Serve

Fluff **rice** with a fork.

Serve **kale** and **salmon** over **rice** with **dark scallion greens** over top and **remaining ponzu sauce and mayo** alongside. Enjoy!