

# Pork Stir-Fry With Eggplant and Garlic

## **Ingredients**

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 lb Japanese eggplant, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ lb ground pork
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons chili garlic sauce
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- Fresh cracked black pepper, to taste

### Instructions

#### • 1. Sear the Eggplant

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the eggplant and cook for **3–5 minutes**, turning occasionally, until golden and slightly softened.

Remove from skillet and set aside.

#### • 2. Sauté Aromatics & Pork

In the same skillet, add the remaining tablespoon of oil.

Add diced onion and minced garlic; cook for **1 minute**, until soft and fragrant.

Add the ground pork and cook for **about 3 minutes**, stirring to break it up, until browned and cooked through.

#### • 3. Build the Stir-Fry

Add zucchini, chili garlic sauce, fish sauce, and rice vinegar. Stir everything together and cook for **3 minutes**, or until the zucchini is tender.

#### 4. Combine and Finish

Return the eggplant to the skillet and stir to coat in the sauce. Cook for another **2 minutes**, until everything is heated through and the eggplant soaks up the flavors.

#### • 5. Serve

Season with freshly cracked black pepper and serve hot—on its own or with steamed rice.