



Prep time 15 minutes | **Cook time** 25 minutes | **Serves** 4–6

Chilli Crisp Noodles

A quick, flavour-packed noodle dish with crispy mince and a glossy, savoury sauce.

Ingredients

- 500 g mince
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cabbage, finely sliced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 packet rice noodles
- 1 chicken stock cube (to make approx. 1 cup of stock)

To taste

- Chilli crisp (or chilli flakes)
- Soy sauce

Optional garnish

- Green onion / spring onion

Method

Heat a large pan over medium-high heat and press mince into one even layer. Cook until browned and crispy underneath.

Break mince up and briefly remove from heat. Crack in eggs and scramble through the hot mince.

Return to heat and add onion, garlic and cabbage. Cook until softened.

Prepare rice noodles according to packet instructions and drain.

Add noodles to the pan and pour in enough chicken stock to nearly cover.

Simmer until liquid reduces and turns glossy.

Add chilli crisp and soy sauce to taste, then mix well. Top with sliced green onion if using.



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This is one of those recipes that feels a bit special but is actually quick, simple and pretty forgiving to cook. It's become a go-to meal when time is short but you still want something packed with flavour and a bit different from the usual.

It's also easy to stretch depending on what's in the fridge – adding extra cabbage or veg works well and still delivers a great result. Like many good dishes, it often tastes even better the next day once everything has had time to come together.

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