

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds beef chuck roast, cut into 2-in. cubes
- 1 tablespoon [dried red peppercorn](#)
- 3-5 slices ginger
- 2 tablespoons [Shaoxing cooking wine](#)
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar (rock sugar, turbinado sugar or honey)
- 5 star anise pods
- 2 bay leaves
- 1-2 whole scallions, roots cut off
- 1-3 teaspoons [chili bean paste](#), depending on preferred spice level
- 2-5 [dried chiles](#), depending on preferred spice level
- 4 cups water
- 3 cups root vegetables, cut into 2-in. cubes (my family uses half carrots and half daikon radish)
- Salt, to taste
- Scallion and/or cilantro for garnish
- Noodles of your choice