

GARLIC - QIJ

Purple Stripe Garlic (Hardneck variety)



White Garlic (Softneck variety)



### **HMoob Varieties**

- Purple Stripe Garlic, Qij Liab/Qij Txaij
  - Hardneck varieties
  - Softneck varieties
- White Garlic, Qij Dawb
  - Hardneck varieties
  - Softneck varieties



Purple Stripe Garlic (Softneck variety)

## TASTE & TRADITION

Whole, unpeeled **garlic bulbs** can last for several months if stored in a cool, dry place with good airflow. In HMoob cooking, both raw and fried garlic are used often for their bold flavor. Fried garlic is especially popular as a garnish. It adds crunch and a rich taste to many dishes.

## RECIPE

# Garlic Chili Oil Sauce (Kua Txob Qij Xyaws Roj)



### Ingredients

- 3 cups oil (vegetable, canola, peanut, etc.)
- 1 cup crushed red chili pepper
- 20 cloves of garlic
- 2 teaspoons salt
- Optional: shallots, star anise, cinnamon stick, bay leaves, or other spices you like.

#### **Directions**

- 1. Heat the oil over medium-low heat.
- 2. Add finely chopped garlic. Stir constantly so it doesn't stick or burn.
- 3. Cook until the garlic turns yellow (not brown).
- 4. Add chili flakes and salt. Stir for about 1 minute.
- 5. Turn off the heat or remove the pan. Continue stirring for 2-3 minutes.
- 6. The garlic should turn golden brown, and the oil will turn a bright redorange color.
- 7. Let the mixture cool, then pour it into an air-tight container or jar.
- 8. Use this flavorful oil as a topping for your favorite meals, like pho or noodle soups!



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