Homemade "Hooray Foods" Vegan Bacon (Copycat Recipe)

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Base Batter	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup rice flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup tapioca starch, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut oil (melted) — in two bowls
Seasoning #1	3/4 cup warm water, 1 tbsp umami powder, 1 tbsp maple syrup, 1 tbsp liquid smoke, 1 tsp salt <i>Additional Seasoning</i> : 2 tbsp maple syrup, garlic powder, smoked paprika, salt pepper
Seasoning #2	3/4 cup warmed beet juice, plus same seasonings as above

On Label: Coconut oil, rice flour, tapioca starch, liquid smoke, umami seasoning (shiitake mushrooms, salt, mushroom extract, calcium carbonate), maple syrup, salt, beet juice concentrate.

Instructions

1. Mix the Batter

 In each of two bowls, whisk together rice flour, tapioca starch, and melted coconut oil until smooth. The VGN Way

2. Prepare Flavor Mixtures

- In one cup, whisk together warm water with umami powder, maple syrup, liquid smoke, and salt.
- In a second cup, do the same, but with warm beet juice instead of water. <u>The VGN Way</u>

3. Combine

- Pour the water-based mix into one of the flour bowls.
- Pour the beet-juice mix into the other. You'll have a "white" batter and a "red" batter. <u>The VGN Way</u>

4. Create the Bacon Pattern

- Grease a half-sheet pan with coconut oil. Pour the white batter in, spreading it evenly.
- Use a squeeze bottle to drizzle the red beet-juice batter in lines (and optional dots), then use a butter knife to lightly swirl for a marbled effect.
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5. **Bake**

- Preheat the oven to 350 °F (175 °C).
- Bake for **5–7 minutes**, until bubbling and set. <u>SaucestacheThe VGN Way</u>

6. Cut & Freeze

- Slice into bacon strips (across and along the marbling lines).
- Wrap in parchment and freeze—it firms up and makes handling easier.
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7. Cook Before Serving

- Skillet: Cook directly (no added oil needed—the fat renders from the bacon) on medium-low, flipping frequently until crispy—about 90 seconds total. <u>The VGN</u> <u>Way</u>
- Air Fryer: Bake at 375 °F, 5–10 minutes until evenly browned and crisp.