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Warm Lentil Chickpea Soup



Ingredients

3/4 cup of brown or green lentils, picked over and rinsed 1 full cup of dried chickpeas - soaked overnight, drained and boiled until tender 1 full cup of broad (fava) beans - soaked overnight, drained and boiled until tender 7½ cups of vegetable stock or water (meat stock can also be used) 800g or 14oz chopped tomatoes - canned 1 bunch of coriander (cilantro) 1 bunch of parsley - chopped 2-3 tbsp olive oil 2 onions sliced 1/2 tsp ground ginger 1/2 tsp ground turmeric 1tsp ground cinnamon Handful of salt - chopped Handful of ground black pepper 3/4 cup caster sugar Pinch of saffron (kesar) Servings

Preparation

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- 1 Heat the olive oil in a stockpot or large pan to start making the soup. Then add the onions and stir over a low heat until they are soft for about 15 minutes or so
- 2 then add the saffron, cinnamon, turmeric and ginger together with the tomatoes and a little sugar.
- 3 Mix in the lentils and pour in the water or stock.
- 4 Bring the mixture to a boil and then turn down the heat
- 5 cover the pot and let the soup simmer until the lentils are soft and tender about 25 to 30 minutes or so.
- 6 Add the cooked chickpeas and beans, and bring to a boil, then cover and let it simmer

down for another 10-15 minutes. Stir in the fresh herbs and seasonings and mix well for 5 minutes.

- 7 Serve hot. This delicious soup can be eaten with some warm crusty bread.
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Cooks Note

Serves 8