

Lentil Soup with a Twist

6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 8 ounces baby bella or porcini mushrooms, rough chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced or put through garlic press
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 6 Cups vegetable or chicken stock, or water
- 1 ¹/₂ Cups green lentils
- 2 Cups potatoes, cut into bite sized pieces
- 2 Cups carrots, sliced thickly
- 2 lemons, zested and juiced
- 4 giant handfuls baby spinach or other greens of choice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 2 bay leaves
- A pinch of red pepper flakes (optional if you like a bit of spice)

sea salt and ground pepper to taste

Method

- In a large soup pot, sauté onion with a swirl of olive oil for 5 minutes. Add garlic, and mushrooms with a pinch of salt and sauté, adding a bit more olive oil if pot gets dry.
- 2. Add in lentils, water, potatoes, carrots and red pepper flakes in a large soup pot. Bring to the boil and simmer covered until lentils are tender- about 30 minutes. The longer you simmer, the creamier your soup will be.
- 3. Meanwhile, zest and juice lemon and add to soup. Add spinach and parsley and simmer until it wilts and is cooked through, about 2 minutes. Mix in mint. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon stew into large soup bowls.

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