

HIDDEN VEGGIE TOMATO SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 3 carrots, finely diced
- 2 celery sticks, finely diced
- 2 zucchini, finely diced
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 48 oz passata (strained tomato puree)
- 500ml / 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 tsp dried Italian herbs
- 1 tsp paprika
- optional: handful of fresh basil leaves



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the onions and fry for 2-3 minutes. Add the garlic and fry for another minute before adding the carrots, celery, zucchini and red pepper.
- 2. Pour in the veg stock and passata and stir well. Add dried herbs and paprika and bring to the boil.
- 3. Simmer on a medium heat for about 20 minutes or until the vegetables are soft. If you want to add the fresh basil leaves do so when the vegetables are soft.
- 4. Remove from the heat and blitz either with a hand blender or in an upright blender until smooth.
- 5. Pour the sauce into jars, containers or freezer bags and allow to cool before refrigerating or freezing.