



Chickpea, tomato and green lentil curry



You will need:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Cold water
- Large frying pan or saucepan

Ingredients (serves 4, with leftovers for tomorrow)

- 1 large or 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 3 fat garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon of curry powder
- 1 tablespoon of tomato puree
- 400g can chopped tomatoes + 1 full can of water
- 100g dried green lentils
- 100g dried chickpeas (soaked overnight and simmered for 45 minutes in water)
- 400g tin coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon chilli flakes (or to taste)
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon of golden caster sugar

Method

- 1. Ensure your chickpeas have soaked overnight and been simmered in water for 45 minutes (or use that tin that's been at the back of the cupboard for months!)
- 2. Heat the oil in a large frying pan or saucepan and sauté the onions and garlic with a pinch of salt for 8-10 minutes on a low heat. (Cooking slowly for longer prevents the garlic from burning and tasting bitter)
- 3. Add the tomato puree and curry powder and cook for 1 minute or until fragrant
- 4. Add the chickpeas, lentils and chopped tomatoes and 1 full tin of water and stir together. Add the chilli flakes and sugar
- 5. Add the coconut milk and stir to combine
- 6. Bring to the boil and then reduce the heat and summer, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes stirring occasionally. The lentils will absorb the water as they cook, so keep an eye on this and add water as necessary
- 7. Cook rice, drain and serve with curry

Serving suggestions

- Try with mango chutney and sliced fresh banana (yes, really) & Indian breads
- If available, a handful of fresh, washed spinach leaves stirred in a couple of minutes before serving adds colour and few extra vitamins!

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