Easy Lentil Soup

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil or cooking oil
- 1 large red, yellow, or white onion (chopped)
- 3 carrots (finely diced)
- 3 garlic cloves (minced)
- 2 cups lentils (1 pound, rinsed)
- 1 can diced tomatoes (14 1/2 ounce can)

- 8 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken broth (2 quarts)
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

- Saute onions, carrots, red pepper flakes, and garlic in oil until soft.
- **2.** Add tomatoes, bay leaf, salt and pepper and stir well.
- **3.** Add rinsed lentils and broth and simmer until lentils are soft, about 30 minutes. Keep checking lentils until they are done.
- **4.** Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired.

Nutritional information

Total calories per serving: 202

Serves: 10

Total fat: 4 g

Saturated fat: 1 g

Cholesterol: 0 mg Sodium: 353 mg

Carbohydrates: 29 g

Dietary fiber: 10 g Total sugars: 5 g

Added sugars: 0 g

Protein: 14 g