



Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories 397, Protein 14g, Carbs 56g, Fat 10g

 $\label{lem:cooking} \text{Cooking process and additional ingredients added at home will affect the total value.}$



Tomato

Bell Pepper

Garlic

Onion

Green Hot Chili (optional)

Olive Oil

Black Pepper & Salt

Middle Eastern Spices

Pita Bread for Serving

METHOD

Note: Steps 1-3 are optional but worth the work for a smoother texture, in the rustic version the steps begin from step 4.

- 1. Fill a pot with water enough to cover the tomatoes. Bring to boil over high heat. Drop the tomatoes in, bring back to boil & remove after 1 minute (max).
- 2. Remove tomatoes with slotted spoon then drop in ice cold water.
- 3. Drain tomatoes then peel, cut in half & remove seeds, place seeds in colander & strain to retain juices.
- 4. Chop tomatoes into large chunks (about 3 x 3 cm).
- 5. Place a heavy large pot over medium heat & when hot add olive oil. When hot add onions & cook while stirring until translucent.
- 6. Add green peppers & hot chilies if used, toss until color begins to change. Add garlic & cook for 1 minute while stirring. Add tomatoes, strained juices & half the spices & black pepper. Stir gently to mix. Bring mixture to boil, add half the salt then reduce heat to medium-low.
- 7. Simmer <u>uncovered</u> stirring occasionally for 20 minutes or until stew thickens
- 8. Adjust spices & salt to taste, & serve hot with bread.

