



HOMEMADE ROASTED TOMATO BASIL SOUP

A cozy garden tomato soup made with roasted tomatoes, sweet onions, garlic, carrot, fresh basil, and chicken stock, then blended until smooth.

PREP TIME	COOK TIME	TOTAL TIME	YIELD
20 min	45 min	1 hr 15 min	About 12 cups

INGREDIENTS

- About 4 lb ripe tomatoes, mixed varieties and sizes
- 2 large sweet onions, peeled and quartered
- 2 heads garlic, peeled (about 20-24 cloves)
- 1 large carrot, peeled and sliced
- About 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp salt, plus more to taste
- 1/2 tsp black pepper, plus more to taste
- 2 packed cups fresh basil leaves
- 3-4 cups chicken stock
- A few drops favorite hot sauce, to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Arrange sliced larger tomatoes and whole or halved cherry tomatoes on one large rimmed sheet pan.
2. Place the quartered onions, peeled garlic cloves, and sliced carrot on a second large rimmed sheet pan.
3. Drizzle the vegetables generously with olive oil. Season with salt and black pepper.
4. Roast for about 45 minutes, until very soft and beginning to brown around the edges.
5. Carefully transfer the roasted vegetables and all pan juices to a high-powered blender. Work in batches if needed. Blend until smooth, then add the fresh basil and blend to your preferred texture.
6. Pour into a large pot. Stir in 3 cups chicken stock, adding more as needed. Add a few drops of hot sauce, taste, and adjust seasoning. Heat gently if needed and serve warm.

WENDY'S TIPS & NOTES

- I like to use a mixture of garden tomatoes, including colorful cherry tomatoes. Use whatever is ripe and tastes good.
- Start with 3 cups of chicken stock and add more only if you want a thinner soup. Garden tomatoes can vary quite a bit in juiciness.
- If you like visible pieces of basil, stop blending sooner. For a very smooth soup, continue blending until the basil is finely incorporated.
- Serve with grilled cheese, crusty bread, garlic bread, crackers, a simple salad, or your favorite sandwich.
- Leftovers can be refrigerated in a covered container. This soup also freezes well because it does not contain cream.

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