## LENTIL STEW





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Served with baguette, this comforting, plant-based stew is perfect for cold winter days!

## Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 large carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 celery ribs, diced
- 14 fl oz (398 mL) can of diced tomatoes
- 2 cups (500 mL) vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 tsp (5 mL) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cumin
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp (2.5 mL) garlic powder
- 19 fl oz (540 mL) can of green or brown lentils, rinsed and drained
- Juice of half a lemon
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 big handfuls of spinach





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## Preparation

- 1. Heat the oil in a large pot or saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Add the onions, garlic, carrots, and celery.
- 3. Stir and cook until translucent and soft, about three to five minutes.
- 4. Stir in the diced tomatoes and cook for another minute.
- 5. Pour in the vegetable broth.
- 6. Add the spices and lentils. Stir to combine.
- 7. Cover and bring the stew to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for five to seven minutes.
- 8. Remove from heat, then stir in the lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- 9. Stir in the spinach. Simmer until the spinach has wilted, about two minutes.
- 10. Serve with a piece of baguette and enjoy!

**Note:** For a smoother texture, use an immersion blender and pulse a few times. Refrigerate any remaining stew for up to four days.



