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Berbere-Spiced Meatball & Red Lentil Stew

with Toasted Walnuts & Naan



30-40min 2 Servings

This hearty stew is proof that protein-rich lentils bring a lot to the table! The lentils simmer with tomatoes, aromatics like onions, garlic and ginger and warming berbere spice blend (a traditional Ethiopian blend made from dried chiles, garlic, fenugreek, and spices like allspice and cinnamon). Toasted naan is the perfect side for sopping up the saucy stew, and walnuts sprinkled on top add a delightful crunch.

What we send

- 1 red onion
- 1 oz fresh ginger
- ½ oz fresh parsley
- 1 oz walnuts 15
- 1 lemon
- 14½ oz whole peeled tomatoes
- 1/4 oz berbere spice blend
- 3 oz red lentils
- ½ lb pkg ready to heat beef meatballs
- 2 naan breads 1,3,6,7

What you need

- · olive oil
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- garlic

Tools

- microplane or grater
- medium Dutch oven or pot

Allergens

Wheat (1), Egg (3), Soy (6), Milk (7), Tree Nuts (15). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 1090kcal, Fat 55g, Carbs 145g, Protein 44g



1. Prep ingredients

Finely chop onion. Finely chop 1 teaspoon garlic. Finely chop 2 teaspoons ginger (no need to peel). Finely chop parsley stems and leaves, keeping them separate.

Finely chop **walnuts**. Finely grate **all of the lemon zest**, then cut lemon into wedges. Use kitchen shears to cut **tomatoes** in can until coarsely chopped.



2. Toast walnuts

Heat **1 teaspoon oil** in a medium Dutch or pot oven over medium-high. Add **walnuts** and cook, stirring occasionally, until fragrant and lightly toasted, 2-3 minutes (watch closely).

Transfer to a plate and sprinkle with **a pinch of salt**. Wipe out pot.



3. Sauté aromatics

Heat **1 tablespoon oil** in same pot oven over medium-high. Add **onions** and season with **salt**; cook until softened and browned, 3-4 minutes.

Add chopped garlic, ginger, parsley stems and 2-3 teaspoons berbere spice blend (depending on heat preference). Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute.



4. Simmer lentils; meatballs

Add tomatoes, lemon zest, 1½ cups water, and 1 teaspoon salt. Add lentils and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring and scraping bottom to prevent lentils from sticking, until nearly tender, 10-15 minutes. Add meatballs and simmer until lentils are tender, stew has thickened, and meatballs are heated, 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



5. Toast naan

Meanwhile, preheat broiler with the top rack 6-inches from heat source. Lightly brush both sides of each **naan** with **oil** then season with **salt**. Broil naan on top rack until golden brown,1-3 minutes per side (watch closely as broilers vary). Transfer to a cutting board and cut into wedges, if desired.



6. Finish stew & serve

Spoon **stew** into bowls and top with **chopped parsley** and **toasted walnuts**. Serve **stew** alongside **naan** with **lemon wedges** on the side for squeezing over top. Enjoy!