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Tomato and Red Pepper Soup

Contributed by Roger Sinnott (from the archive October 2013) **The Ingredients:**

300g skinned and de-pipped tomatoes (or alternatively a 400g tin of skinned tomatoes)1 large pepper—deseeded thinly sliced and chopped150g onion—sliced and chopped

25g butter1 tablespoon tomato paste

- 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 litre of chicken stocksalt and pepper

Method:

Melt the butter in a large saucepan.Gently fry the onion and pepper until soft. Stir in the remaining ingredients.Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Remove the bay leaves.Blend the soup in an electric blender.

Return to the pan and reheat. Serve with a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

Additional notes: If your taste is for more pepper then use 1 1/4 peppers rather than just the one. This soup freezes well.

Tomatoes are easily de-skinned by dipping them in boiling water for a minute or so.

