## **Vegetable and Lentil Soup Recipe**

**Ingredients:** Serves 4

3 tablespoons peanut oil

2 tablespoons peeled and grated fresh ginger

1 small red chili, seeded and finely sliced

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 teaspoon curry powder

1 small red (Spanish) onion, chopped

1 small parsnip, peeled and sliced

2 celery stalks, thinly sliced

4 large carrots, peeled and sliced

1 potato, peeled and sliced

2 fresh kaffir lime leaves or ¼ teaspoon grated lime zest (rind)

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (105g) red or brown lentils

6 cups vegetable stock

1 cup (250ml) coconut milk

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (fresh coriander), for garnish

## Method:

In a large saucepan over medium heat, warm peanut oil. Add ginger, chili, cumin and curry powder and cook until aromatic, about 1 minute. Add onion, parsnip, celery, carrots, potato and lime leaves. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Add lentils and stock and bring to a boil. Cover and cook until vegetables and lentils are soft, about 20 minutes. Remove lime leaves and discard. Working in batches, puree soup in a food processor. Return to saucepan, add coconut milk and heat through, about 3 minutes. Garnish with chopped cilantro and serve. Bird's eye and serrano chilies are recommended for this recipe.

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