Lentil Mushroom Bolognese



Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large carrot, finely diced
- 1 large celery stalk, finely diced
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 bay leaves
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 8 ounces mushrooms, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1⁄4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (32-ounce) carton low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 cup brown lentils



Instructions:

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a skillet or saucepan over medium heat. Add carrot, celery, onion, bay leaves and salt to the skillet and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes or until onion is translucent.
- 2. Add the mushrooms and garlic and cook for 2-3 minutes as the mushrooms soften.
- 3. Stir in the tomato paste, black pepper, oregano, thyme, basil, and red pepper flakes and cook about 2 minutes, until the tomato paste melts into the vegetables.
- 4. Add crushed tomatoes, vegetable broth, and lentils. Stir to combine. Bring the sauce to a boil and reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, for at least 30 minutes or until lentils are soft.
- 5. Store leftover Bolognese in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to five days, or in the freezer for six months.



Serving Size	1 × 8 Serving	
Amount Per Serving		
Calories	176.6	
	% Dai	ly Value
Total Fat	4.2 g	5 %
Saturated Fat	0.6 g	3 %
Trans Fat	0 g	
Cholesterol	0 mg	0 %
Sodium	346.1 mg	15 %
Total Carbohydrate	28.7 g	10 %
Dietary Fiber	5.8 g	21 %
Total Sugars	7.9 g	
Added Sugars	0.6 g	1 %
Protein	9.4 g	
Vitamin D	0 mcg	0 %
Calcium	67.8 mg	5 %
Iron	3.7 mg	21 %
Potassium	709 mg	15 %

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