

Mermelada de Tomate (Tomato Jam)

SERVINGS: 4

Ingredients

1½ pounds good quality ripe tomatoes (Roma/Plum are best), cored and coarsely chopped 1 c. sugar (half a cup per pound or more)

2 T. freshly squeezed lemon or lime juice

1 T. fresh chopped ginger
1 t. ground cumin
¼ t. ground cinnamon (or a cinnamon stick)
½ t. ground cloves

1 t. salt

Directions

- 1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil.
- 2. First, cut the stem from each tomato, and then slice a shallow X in the bottom.
- 3. Plunge the tomatoes into the boiling water for 30 seconds.
- 4. Remove and let them cool slightly.
- 5. Remove skins.
- 6. Halve the tomatoes and gently squeeze out the seeds and tomato juice.
- 7. Cut into half-inch pieces and place in a medium saucepan with all of the other ingredients.
- 8. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring often.
- 9. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until mixture has consistency of thick jam, about 1 hour 15 minutes.
- 10. Taste and adjust seasoning, then cool and refrigerate until ready to use. Jam will keep in the refrigerator for at least two weeks.