

INGREDIENTS

- 200g red lentils
- 3 carrots, washed or peeled
- 2 onions
- 100-200g bacon bits /diced bacon
- 2 ham stock cubes
- 2 litres water
- Oil for frying
- Salt and pepper

LENTIL AND BACON SOUP Serves 4-6

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METHOD

1. Rinse the lentils. If you don't have a sieve, you can just do this in a bowl or in a pan because they sink – so pour the water out, using your hand or a lid to keep the lentils in. Do this a couple of times.

2. Dice two carrots quite finely, and dice one of the onions (leaving one whole and rinsing it under the tap). Grate the last carrot.

3. Add a little oil/butter to a saucepan and fry the bacon for a few minutes. Then add the diced carrot and diced onion. Stir together and fry for 5 mins.

4. Add the water, stock cubes, lentils and the whole onion to the pot. Bring to the boil, turn down the heat, cover with a lid and simmer for approx. 20 mins.

5. Add the grated carrot and cook for a further 10 min. Taste it, season if you wish, and serve.