## Spaghetti Sauce

This is my basic sauce for many of my dishes. Since I'm part Italian, making sauce in autumn is part of my heritage – spaghetti sauce, aka pizza sauce or the base for many other wonderful dishes like lasagna or chicken parmesan. I quadruple this recipe by using a #10 commercial can of tomatoes and make it in a large spaghetti-type pot. Then I portion it into quart containers for the freezer.

| 1   | 28 oz can | crushed tomatoes                    | 1        | teaspoon | dried oregano or 2 Tbs fresh, chopped |
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| 1   | 6 oz. can | tomato paste                        | $1/_{4}$ | teaspoon | fennel seeds, crushed                 |
| 1   | 8 oz. can | tomato sauce                        | 1        |          | bay leaf                              |
| 2   | cloves    | garlic, minced                      | 1        | pinch    | red pepper flakes, crushed            |
| 1⁄2 | teaspoon  | sugar                               | 1        |          | salt to taste                         |
| 1⁄2 | teaspoon  | dried basil or 1 Tbs fresh, chopped | 1⁄8      | teaspoon | black pepper                          |

Place all ingredients in a 4 quart saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cover pot and turn down heat to a simmer for a minimum of two hours or up to four hours, stirring often so nothing sticks to the bottom. You can put in plastic containers and freeze to have on hand for pizza sauce or other uses.

Servings: 10 Yield: 2 quarts Preparation Time: 15 minutes Cooking Time: 2 hours Total Time: 2 hours and 15 minutes

## **Nutrition Facts**

Nutrition (per serving): 48 calories, 3 calories from fat, <1g total fat, 0mg cholesterol, 396.7mg sodium, 492mg potassium, 10.9g carbohydrates, 2.7g fiber, 3.3g sugar, 2.4g protein.

## Source

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