Preparation: 15 mins Cooking: 2-2½ hrs

Serves:

Difficulty: easy



Beef goulash

Whether you want to warm up on a chilly evening or treat your guests to a hearty dish that harks back to Central European culinary traditions, this paprika-infused beef goulash is comfort food at its best.

INGREDIENTS

- · 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- · 2 large onions, finely chopped
- · 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1kg prime beef, diced
- 2 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 1 tbsp sweet paprika
- I tsp caraway seeds
- 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 400ml beef stock
- 2 bay leaves
- · Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 red peppers, diced
- · 2 carrots, sliced
- · 3 medium potatoes, cubed

RECIPE

- 1. Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat.
- 2. Sauté the chopped onions until softened (about 5 minutes).
- 3. Add the garlic and fry for another minute or so.
- 4. Next, add the beef, stirring regularly to make sure the chunks are sealed all over.
- 5. Stir in the paprika (hot and sweet) and caraway seeds, before adding the chopped tomatoes, beef stock and bay leaves.
- 6. Season with salt and pepper, and then add the peppers, carrots and potatoes.
- 7. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer for about $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, stirring occasionally, until the beef is very tender.
- 8. Remove the bay leaves before serving, taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.

Serve hot, ideally with fresh, crusty bread.

