

# Red Lentil Dal (Masoor Dal)

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- 2 ½ cups red lentils
- 2 small to medium onions diced or julienned
- 3 Tbsp. finely minced fresh ginger
- 6-8 cloves garlic finely minced
- 7 cups water
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

- 2 tsp. salt plus some for salting water
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tsp. fenugreek seeds
- 1 Tbsp. mustard seeds
- 1/2 cinnamon stick

- 1 tsp. coriander seeds
- 1 tsp. cumin seeds
- 1 tsp. of paprika
- 1 tsp. of turmeric
- Enough olive or vegetable oil to cook ginger, garlic and onion





Yield: 5 servings Serving Size: 1 cup

#### **Directions**



- 1. Bring lightly salted water to a boil and add rinsed lentils. Cook on high until lentils are soft and starting to break apart stirring occasionally.
- 2. In a well oiled skillet add onions and cook on medium high until they start to brown, turn down heat and add ginger and garlic and cook until they start to brown but not burn.
- 3. In a separate small frying pan, add the whole spices on medium heat and let cook until the mustard seeds start to pop. Take off heat and let cool in the pan. When cool, grind in a mortar and pestle or coffee/spice grinder until a fine powder is reached.
- 4. Add mixture to the ginger, garlic and onion and cook on low until readily fragrant and add to cooked lentils along with turmeric and paprika.
- 5. Add lemon juice and sugar and more salt if necessary. Serve over basmati rice with fresh cilantro or Raita.

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## Cooking Tips

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- Toasting the spices is important. Be mindful of not burning them because fenugreek takes on a bitter flavor when scorched.
- Try blending the mixture for a creamier texture.
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