# Quick Fix: Shakshuka packed with exciting flavors

#### Middle Eastern dish works for brunch or dinner

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Spicy stewed tomatoes topping with eggs is a Middle Eastern dish that is becoming popular in the United States. This is a filling vegetarian dish that works well for brunch or dinner.

The tomato base can be made several hours in advance. If made ahead, to finish the dish, warm the sauce and add the eggs. You can shorten the preparation time, by using ready-prepared diced fresh onion and red bell pepper from the produce department of the market.

Ground cumin, coriander and smoked paprika add exiting flavors. You can also use them to flavor rice, or cooked vegetables.

Serve with a bag of pre-



Shakshuka is a Middle Eastern dish featuring stewed tomatoes.

washed salad to complete the meal.

**Helpful Hints** 

• Have the eggs at room temperature.

• A small amount of tomato paste is used. Freeze the extra for another time.

• Use a large skillet to help the sauce reduce Countdown

• Prepare all ingredients. · Make the shakshuka.

**Shopping List** 

To buy: 1 large can

reduced sodium diced tomatoes, 1 red bell pepper, 1 container cherry tomatoes, 1 small can tomato paste, 1 small bottle ground cumin, 1 small bottle ground coriander, 1 small bottle smoked paprika, 1 small bottle cayenne pepper, 1 bottle honey, 1 whole wheat baguette, 1 bunch parsley.

Staples: olive oil, eggs, garlic, onion.

*SHAKSHUKA* 

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer 1 tablespoons olive oil

1 cup diced onion 2 garlic cloves crushed 1 cup seeded and diced

red bell pepper 1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in half

2 cups canned reduced sodium, diced tomatoes with juice 1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 teaspoon ground cumin 1 teaspoon ground coriander 2 teaspoons smoked paprika 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 tablespoon honey 4 large eggs

2 tablespoons chopped parsley 4 slices whole wheat baguette

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the diced onion, garlic and red bell pepper. Saute 5 minutes, stirring to keep them from burning. Add the cherry tomatoes, diced canned tomatoes and tomato paste. Stir to blend the ingredients. Add the cumin, coriander, smoked paprika, cavenne and honey. Stir again. Cook until the sauce thickens slightly, about 5 minutes. Using the back of a spoon, make 4 wells in the sauce. Break one egg into a small bowl and slide the egg into a well. Continue with the remaining 3 eggs filling all the wells. Cover skillet with a lid and simmer 10 minutes for a runny yolk, simmer 15 minutes for a firmer yolk. Sprinkle chopped parsley on top and serve. Serve with baquette to dip into the sauce.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 494 calories (35% from fat), 19.4 g fat (4.6 g saturated, 7.9 g monounsaturated), 372 mg cholesterol, 22.7 g protein, 60.6 g carbohydrates, 11.3 g fiber, 457 mg sodium.

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