Hearty Tomato Soup with Sourdough Croutons and Avocado

What You'll Need

- > 1 tbsp butter or olive oil
- > 2 to 3 tbsp chopped white onion
- > 1 clove garlic, chopped > 1 1/2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- > 2 carrots, sliced
- > 2 celery stalks, sliced
- > 2 cups tomato puree
- > 1 tsp sugar or honey
- > 1 tsp dried thyme
- > 1 tsp dried basil
- > 1 cup chopped Bell pepper (any color) > 1 cup cooked, canned chickpeas (Garbanzo beans), salt-free
- > Sea salt and black pepper to taste
- > 1 avocado, peeled and pitted
- > Sourdough croutons



Directions

- 1. Place a soup pot on the stove on medium-high heat. Add the butter or olive oil and onions. Lightly sauté until slightly translucent.
- 2. Add the garlic, broth, carrots, celery, tomato puree, sugar or honey, thyme, and basil. Bring to a boil and cook for five minutes.
- 3. Add the peppers and cook until all vegetables are soft.
- 4. Add the chickpeas and cook to heat through. Season with sea salt and pepper to taste.
- 5. Cut the avocado into 1-inch pieces and add to the soup.
- 6. Ladle into bowls and top with sourdough croutons.