## Lentil pepper soup



250g red lentils

2 pints cold water or vegetable/ chicken stock (see recipes on page 58) 1 medium sized white onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, chopped

1½ tsps cumin

½ tsp ground coriander

½ tsp paprika

1 bay leaf

3 medium carrots, peeled and diced

1 red pepper, diced

2 small red onions, finely sliced juice of half a lemon

¼ tsp black pepper

In a large saucepan set over high heat, bring lentils and stock/water to a boil.

Stir in white onion, garlic, spices and bay leaf. Reduce heat to medium/low.

Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.

Stir in the carrots and red pepper, cover and simmer for around 15 minutes until the carrots are tender.

Stir in red onion, lemon juice and black pepper.

Cook for a further 10 minutes then serve.

Store any leftovers in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze on same day.

