

Tomato Basil Bruschetta

3 plum tomatoes, chopped

½ cup thinly sliced and coarsely chopped onion

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

6 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon minced fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground pepper

1 pound loaf, whole wheat French bread, cut into ½ inch slices

1. Combine tomatoes, onions, garlic, red wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons olive oil, basil, oregano, salt and pepper; set aside.

2. Preheat broiler of oven.3. Lightly brush both

sides of bread slices with remaining olive oil and arrange on ungreased baking sheet.

4. Place three to four inches from the broiler and heat slices for two to three minutes on each side or until golden brown.

5. Top each slice with tomato mixture, using a

slotted spoon and serve. **Yield:** 16. ½ inch slices

Nutritional Analysis: 140 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 250 mg sodium, 19 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 0 g sugar, 4 g protein.



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Kentucky Tomatoes

SEASON: July through October

NUTRITION FACTS: Tomatoes are rich in nutrients that promote good health, including fiber and vitamins C and A. A medium tomato contains about 25 calories, 20 mg sodium, and is a good source of potassium.

SELECTION: Choose firm, well-shaped tomatoes that are fragrant and rich in color. Tomatoes should be free from blemishes, heavy for their size, and give slightly to pressure. Three to four medium tomatoes weigh about 1 pound. One pound of tomatoes yields about 2 ½ cups of chopped tomatoes.

STORAGE: Store ripe tomatoes at room temperature and use them within three days. Keep out of direct sunlight. Place green tomatoes in a paper bag to ripen.

Source: www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov

PREPARATION: Wash fresh tomatoes in cool running water.

To peel: Place tomatoes in boiling water for about 30 seconds, then transfer to cold water. Skins will slip off.

To seed: Scrape seeds away from the flesh with a pointed utensil. Avoid puncturing the skin.

To slice: Slice lengthwise to retain juice. A serrated knife works best.

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