

# CopyCat Carrabba's Italian Grill Sausage and Lentil Soup

## Ingredients

1 pound Italian sausage hot or sweet  
3 cloves garlic minced  
1 onion diced  
1 rib celery chopped  
2 carrots chopped  
1 zucchini chopped  
5 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
29 ounces diced tomatoes (2 (14.5-ounce) cans)  
2 cups dry brown lentils rinsed and sorted  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
2 teaspoons ground black pepper

## Optional Garnishes:

Fresh basil  
Fresh oregano  
Freshly shredded Parmesan cheese

## Directions

In a large skillet, brown the sausage over medium-high heat, crumbling as you cook. When the sausage is almost done, add in the garlic and allow it to cook.

In a large Dutch oven, combine all of the ingredients (including the cooked sausage and garlic) and bring to a boil. 1 onion, 1 rib celery, 2 carrots, 1 zucchini, 5 cups low-sodium chicken broth, 29 ounces diced tomatoes, 2 cups dry brown lentils, 2 teaspoons kosher salt, 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

Reduce the heat to a simmer and cover.

Simmer for about 1 hour, or until the lentils are tender. If the soup is too thick, add water to thin to desired consistency.

Sprinkle with basil, oregano, and Parmesan for garnish if desired.

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