ONION TOMATO CHUTNEY VENGAYAM THAKKALI CHUTNEY



Onion tomato chutney is very easy to make. In this recipe, onion, tomato, red chillies and garlic are saute well with oil and finally tempering with oil, mustard and urad dal. This chutney has got sweet, tangy and spicy taste because of roasted onions, tomato and red chillies. It goes well with idly or dosa or paniyaram or even use it as spread in sandwich.

Ingredients

To Saute

1 Large Red Onion

- 1 Large Tomato
- 3 Small Garlic Cloves
- 2 Red Chillies
- 2 Tsp of Oil
- Salt to taste

To Temper

2 Tsp of Gingelly oil 1/2 Tsp of Mustard 1/2 Tsp of Urad Dal Pinch of Asafoetida Few Curry Leaves

Method

Wash and roughly chop the onion and tomato.

Sauteing

- Heat oil in a pan, add red chillies, saute for 1-2 mins until it turns dark black.
- Add garlic cloves, saute for a min (Don't burn it)
- Add onion, saute for 1-2 mins until it turns golden brown color.
- Add tomato, saute for 1-2 mins by adding salt. Once it done, switch off the stove. Let the mixture cool down for 5 mins.
- In a blender, add onion-tomato mixture, blend until it turns to smooth paste.
- Transfer it to a bowl.

Tempering

- Heat a pan with oil, add mustard and urad dal, after it splutters, add asafoetida and curry leaves, switch off the stove.
- Transfer this tempering items to a bowl containing chutney (onion-tomato puree)

Onion tomato chutney is ready to serve.



Tips

- Serve this spicy and tangy chutney for <u>idly</u> or <u>dosa</u> or <u>paniyaram</u>
- You can add green chilly for extra spicy taste.
- You can add coconut to this recipe.

Health Benefits of onion and tomato

- Onion are good source of vitamin C, B6, biotin, folic acid and dietary fiber.
- It contains large amount of sulfur, are especially good for liver.
- Good source of quercitin, a potent antioxidant.
- Tomatoes are a good source of vitamin A, C and antioxidant.
- Tomato juice are very good for eyes, hair and skin.



Aloo Methi (Potato with

Fenugreek Leaves) - How to make Aloo Methi Recipe - No onion No garlic recipe



Aloo methi is a classic Indian dish made with potatoes, aromatic fenugreek leaves and spices. This delicious and flavorful dish is packed with protein, Iron and vitamins. Enjoy this dish with <u>roti</u> or <u>paratha</u> or <u>jeera rice</u>.

Ingredients

- **3 Medium Size Golden Yellow Potatoes**
- 2/3 Cup of Fenugreek Leaves
- 2 Tsp of Coriander Powder
- 1 Tsp of Red Chilly Powder

1/2 Tsp of Turmeric Powder
1/2 Tsp of Kitchen King masala
Salt as needed

To Temper

3 Tsp of Oil 1 Tsp of Cumin / Jeera Pinch of Asafoetida

Method

- Wash the potatoes and cut into cubes, boil them along with salt in a steamer or microwave.
- Wash and roughly chop the methi leaves.
- Heat a pan with oil, add cumin seeds, after they crackles add asafoetida, in a medium-low flame add coriander powder, turmeric powder, red chilly powder and kitchen king masala, give a quick stir.
- Immediately, add methi leaves(fenugreek leaves), saute this for 1 min.
- Add boiled potatoes, mix well with the masala, sprinkle some water and salt, cook it for 5 7 mins in medium flame by covering the pan. Do stiring one or two times in between. once it done, switch off the stove.
- Aloo methi (Potato with Fenugreek Leaves curry) is ready to serve.



Tips

- Serve with <u>paratha</u> or <u>jeera rice</u> or <u>Vegetable pulao</u>
- You can add onion or garlic, if you want.
- If you want tangy side, add chopped tomatoes or Amchur Powder(mango powder)
- You can use sambhar powder instead of turmeric, red chilly powder and coriander powder.
- Dried methi leaves can be used in place of fresh fenugreek leaves.

Health Benefits of Potato and Fenugreek Leaves

- Potatoes are rich in vit A,C and fiber and good for brain function.
- Fenugreek leaves are good source of vitamins, minerals, protein and iron. Also good for lactating mothers.



Baingan Bharta/ Bhaingan Ka Bharta / Eggplant Curry/ Mashed Eggplant/ Roasted Eggplant Curry/ Brinjal

Curry- Step by step procedure



Baingan Bhartha is one of the North Indian recipe. Baingan means Eggplant, Bharta means anything that is mashed. Eggplant is grilled over direct fire or charcoal and the dish is infused with smoky flavor. You can also do them in outdoor grill or in oven. Broiling gives a good smoky flavor. Serve this dish with chapathi or Paratha.

Ingredients

1 Long Eggplant
1/4 Cup + 2 Tbsp of Chopped Onion
1 Green Chilly
2 Tbsp of Tomato Puree
1/2 Tsp of Turmeric Powder
1/2 Tsp of Red Chilly Powder
1 Tsp of Ginger Onion Garlic Paste

1/2 Tsp of Cumin Seeds
1/2 Tsp of Cumin Powder
Salt to taste
2- 3 Tsp of Oil/ ghee
2 Tbsp of Chopped Cilantro/ Coriander Leaves

Method

Roasting the Eggplant



Grease the eggplant with little oil, make slits all over the surface. You can do roasting in 2 ways

<u>In Stove</u>: One is by placing the eggplant straight on the burner, allowing the skin to get charred and blackened on all sides. Inside will be soft and mushy.

<u>In Oven</u>: Place it in oven in broil mode — high for 10 -12 mins, until eggplant skin turns charred and imparts smoky flavor. Once it done, remove it from the oven. Discard the skin and now scrap the inner flesh from each half, scraping right down to the charred skin and mash it and keep this aside.By seeing below pics, you can understand "how to remove inner flush from eggplant".









Cooking the Bharta

- Heat a pan with oil/ ghee, when it is hot, add cumin seeds, after they sizzle, add chopped onion, chopped green chilly and salt, saute it for 2 mins until onion are soft and transluent.
- Add turmeric powder, red chilly powder and cumin powder, saute this for a min.
- Add ginger onion garlic paste to it, fry this for another 1 min.
- Add tomato puree, cook until oil seperates from masala.



 Add mashed brinjal / eggplant to the masala, cook until eggplant are well combined with the masala. Once it done. Switch off the flame.



- Finally garnish it with cilantro / coriander.
- Serve with naan / paratha / chapathi.



Tips

- Serve with <u>Indian flatbread</u>/ naan / <u>chapathi</u>
- You can add garam masala, if you want. I didn't add because it masks the smoky flavor of the eggplant.
- You can also do the same recipe without onion and garlic, instead add ginger.
- Adding butter/ ghee gives a nice flavor to this dish.



Health Benefits of Eggplant

- Eggplants provide 2 g of fiber per cup. Fiber helps with digestion and colon health.
- Eggplants also are high in a chlorogenic acid, a powerful antioxidant offering antimicrobial and antiviral activities along with the ability to help lower bad cholesterol levels.

