Sausage and Lentil Casserole

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Put a spin on the classic banger and mash dinner and serve your sausages with this creamy, flavoursome lentil casserole instead. The flavours of onion, carrot and celery combine to create a delicious flavour base for the casserole, making this a fantastically hearty dish.

Ingredients:

8 butcher's pork sausages
410g can green lentils
4 tbsp. double cream
200ml hot vegetable stock
2 rashers bacon
1 tsp. dried mixed herbs
2 tbsp olive oil

1 onion

2 carrots

1 stick of celery

Directions:

- 1. Finely chop the carrots, onion and celery so that they are all of equal size and chop the bacon.
- 2. Cook the sausages under a hot grill for 15-20 minutes until cooked through. Meanwhile, get on with cooking the vegetables.
- 3. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the bacon for two minutes. Add the vegetables and cook for another eight minutes.
- 4. Pour in the stock and simmer for eight minutes or until the carrots are tender.
- 5. Drain the lentils and stir into the mixture, heat for a few minutes, then remove from the heat and stir in the double cream. Spoon over the sausages to serve.

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