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Chunky Tomato Soup Serves 6-8

This chunky tomato soup assembles quickly and is filled with savory, satisfying flavors. And, nothing pairs better with tomato soup than a grilled cheese sandwich! For a complete meal, garnish this soup with grilled cheese "croutons." Simply cut up a grilled cheese sandwich into bite-sized pieces, and add to each bowl. For extra flair, finish it off with some fresh basil.

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

1/2 onion, minced in food processor

2 stalks celery, minced in food processor

1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained

1-1/2 cups vegetable broth

2 teaspoons honey

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar

Garnish:

fresh basil chiffonade grilled cheese "croutons"

Directions:

- 1. In a large soup pot, heat the olive oil and butter. Add the minced onion and celery, and sauté until translucent.
- 2. Add the tomatoes, broth, honey, and spices and simmer until the flavors have melded together, about 15 minutes.
- 3. Remove half of the soup, and blend with a high-powered blender until smooth. Add the pureed soup back into the chunky soup.
- 4. Stir in 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar.
- 5. Serve hot with a garnish of grilled cheese sandwich croutons and fresh basil.