super quick chunky tomato sauce

Ingredients

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 teaspoon garlic, chopped (about 1 clove)

1 12-ounce jar roasted red peppers drained and diced (or substitute fresh roasted red peppers)

2 14½-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes

1 5½-ounce can low-sodium tomato juice

1 tablespoon fresh basil, rinsed, dried, and chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)

¹/₄ teaspoon ground black pepper

- 1. In a medium saucepan, heat olive oil and garlic over medium heat. Cook until soft, but not browned (for about 30 seconds).
- 2. Add diced red peppers, and continue to cook for 2–3 minutes, until the peppers begin to sizzle.
- **3.** Add tomatoes, tomato juice, basil, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes, or until the sauce thickens slightly. (Sauce can be puréed for picky eaters.).
- **4.** Use immediately. Or, refrigerate in a tightly sealed container for 3–5 days or freeze for 1–2 months.

Yield 12 servings, Serving Size $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sauce, Calories 31, Total Fat 1 g, Saturated Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 76 mg, Total Fiber 1 g, Protein 1 g, Carbohydrates 4 g, Potassium 66 mg

