Whole Beet Borscht

From – The New Laurel's Kitchen

1 small onion - chopped

2 cloves garlic

2 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp flour

3 ½ cups vegetable stock

2 ½ cups water

6 small or 3 large beets

2-3 small potatoes

2 carrots

1/2 small cabbage

2 bay leaves

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt

1/4 tsp freshly ground pepper

1 tsp honey

½ can tomato paste or 2 fresh tomatoes - chopped sour cream and chopped dill, for garnish

- Chop onion and saute with garlic clove in oil. Mash garlic clove when onion is translucent and browning.
- Stir in flour and cook gently for a minute.
- Add stock and/or water and bring to a boil.
- In the meantime, grate beets, potato, and carrot.
- Add these and simmer 10 minutes while you shred the cabbage.
- Add cabbage, bay leaves, salt, pepper, honey and tomato to the vegetable mixture.
- Simmer until all vegetables are tender.
- Remove bay leaves.
- Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of chopped fresh dill.



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