Chickpea Curry

Ingredients	Amount		Have it
Olive Oil	2	tbsp	
Garlic Cloves (pressed)	4		
Scotch bonnet pepper, seeded and diced (optional)	1/2		
Ground Cumin	1 1/2	tsp	
Chickpeas 439g cans (rinsed, drained)	2		
Coconut milk (optional)	1	cup	
Potatoes (medium-sized, diced)	2		
Curry powder (Madras)	2	tbsp	
Onion (finely chopped)	1		
Carrots (sliced)	2		
Tomato Paste	1 1/2	tsp	
Paprika	1/2	tsp	
Tumeric	1	tsp	
Cayenne Pepper	3/4	tsp	
Sprigs of thyme	2		
Sprigs parsley	2		
Bay leaves	2		
Sprigs basil	2		
Garam Masala	1/4	tsp	
Boiling water	1 1/2	cup	
Vegetable stock cube		1	
Sea salt	1	tsp	

Method:

- 1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Tie the fresh herbs (thyme, parsley, bay leaf and basil) together in a bundle with thread to form a bouquet garni.

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- 3. Add the onion, potatoes, carrot, scotch bonnet, curry powder, cayenne, half the garlic, paprika, garam masala and cumin to the pan and sauté for about 5 minutes until the onion is translucent.
- 4. Stir the stock cube into the boiling water and add to the pan with the chick peas and bouquet garni. cook for 15 minutes.
- 5. Stir in tomato paste and coconut cream.
- 6. Turn the heat down to low, cover and simmer for thirty minutes.
- 7. Add the last half of the garlic and simmer uncovered for 5-7 minutes.
- 8. Add a bit more water if the stew gets too thick. Serve hot.