

## **Creamy Tomato Basil Soup**

Serves 12

### **INGREDIENTS**

4 c. chunky crushed tomatoes (or 4 c. fresh, diced tomatoes)  
3 c. tomato juice  
½ c. chicken broth

12 large basil leaves, chiffonade (chopped fine)  
½ c. butter  
1 c. heavy cream  
1 c. Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper, to taste

### **METHOD**

Combine tomatoes, tomato juice, and chicken broth, and simmer approx. 30 minutes. Stir in basil leaves; puree, if using fresh tomatoes. Add cream and butter, and stir over low heat until melted. Stir in Parmesan cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste.