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I grew up eating this classic Italian green bean and tomato side dish. Its a simple Italian dish that is bursting with summer flavors. Garlic, onions, cherry tomatoes and green beans are gently stewed together in this delicious Italian side dish that is perfect to serve with almost any summer meal.

This classic Italian green beans and tomato recipe has withstood the test of time, since now I make it for my family.

## Fresh, frozen or canned green beans?

Honestly I always choose fresh over anything. And growing up in Italy the tomatoes and green beans came from the garden.

But if you have to choose between frozen or canned use frozen green beans. The canned ones don't work in this recipe, they are mushy and tasteless.

As far as the marinara sauce I always have my easy marinara sauce on hand. You can use your favorite store-bought marinara in this recipe.

About the tomatoes, I use cherry tomatoes. Any fresh tomato works in this Classic Italian green bean and tomato recipe. If you use large tomatoes cut them into dice before adding them

to the onion and garlic.

Now about the parsley I only use Italian parsley. The curly parsley is flavorless. There is a noticeable difference in taste.

I hope you make this easy and delicious Italian classic, when you do please leave me a comment. I love hearing from you. It's my favorite part!!!

## Ingredients

- 2 lbs. green beans
- 4 cups cherry tomatoes
- 2 cups marinara sauce
- 4 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. chopped Italian parsley

## Instructions

1. Start by trimming and washing the string beans. Then par boil until fork tender.
2. In a saute pan over medium high heat in the olive oil saute the garlic and onion until soft and just beginning to brown.
3. Add the cherry tomatoes, marinara sauce and the water. Simmer until the tomatoes burst and the sauce thickens, about fifteen minutes.
4. Drain the string beans add to the tomato sauce. Adjust your seasonings.
5. Add in the parsley . ENJOY!!!

