Less than 45 minutes
Serves 6
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Ingredients:

Soup:

- 2 Tbsp (30ml) canola or olive oil
- Salt and milled pepper
- 1kg lamb stewing meat (such as goulash or knuckles)
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 star anise
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 2 tsp (10ml) ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) ground coriander
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) tomato paste
- 5-6 cups (1.25-1.5L) lamb or beef stock
- Grated peel of 1 orange
- 1 cup (250ml) pearl barley

- Handful chopped mint, coriander and/or parsley
- Yoghurt, for serving

Toasties:

- 1 jar (100g) red pepper or tomato pesto
- 8 slices sourdough bread
- 1½ cups (375ml) grated mozzarella cheese

JAZZ-UP THE TOASTIES

Replace half the cheese with goat's milk cheddar and dust with dukkah spice before toasting.

Method:

- 1. Heat oil in a pot.
- 2. Season lamb and brown in batches. Remove and set aside
- 3. Sauté onion in the same pot until soft.
- 4. Add garlic and spices and flash fry until fragrant, adding extra oil if needed.
- 5. Stir in tomato paste and cook until sticky, about 1-2 minutes.
- 6. Return meat to pot.
- 7. Add stock and orange peel and season.
- 8. Cover and simmer for 40-45 minutes.
- 9. Once meat is soft, remove lid and add barley.
- 10. Simmer for another 15-20 minutes.
- 11. Stir through herbs.
- 12. Spread pesto onto 4 sourdough slices and sprinkle with cheese.
- 13. Top with remaining slices and toast in a sandwich press.
- 14. Dollop soup with yoghurt and serve with toasties.