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Serves 4

INGREDIENTS:

225g mixed peppers 25g cauliflower 75g fine bean 75g carrot 60g peas 60g onion 1 can chopped tomatoes 30ml coconut oil 10ml olive oil 3g curry leaves 5g green chillies 10g garlic, peeled 10g ginger, peeled 25g tomato paste 3g hot chilli powder 4g ground turmeric 2g ground black pepper 3g ground coriander 2g cooking salt 210ml coconut milk 25ml cold water 1g fennel seeds 2g poppy seeds 1g coriander seeds 1g cumin seeds 4g chettinad spice mix

METHOD:

- For the chettinad masala, combine the fennel seeds, coriander seeds, poppy seeds and cumin seeds in a pan, dry roast for 3 minutes, then grind.
- Peel, halve and finely chop the onion. Blend the tomatoes. Puree the garlic cloves and ginger. Trim the green chillies, deseed, and blend. Halve and core the peppers, cut to 2.5cm pieces. Trim the cauliflowers, cut into florets, blanch for 3 minutes in boiling water, then refresh. Top the carrots, peel, dice to 1.5cm, then blanch in boiling water for 5 mins, then refresh.
- Heat the coconut and olive oils in a pan on a medium heat. Add the curry leaves and once sizzling, add the onion. Once the onions are caramelised add the green chilli paste, then the ginger and garlic pastes, cook for 2 minutes.
- Add the blended tomatoes, the tomato paste, chilli powder, turmeric, black pepper, ground coriander, salt and chettinad spice mix.
- Cook the masala out for 8 minutes until it splits at the edge. Then add all the vegetables together, coat well in the sauce, then add the coconut milk and water as needed, mix gently.
- Cook for a final 3-5 minutes until the vegetables are cooked, then remove from the heat and serve.