## **Pan-Fried Cherry Tomatoes**

## Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 pints cherry tomatoes

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper or ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper

Fresh or dired herb of choice (use chopped basil, chives, sprig of rosemary or thyme that you lift out after cooking)



## Instructions:

Heat a wide, heavy deep skillet over high heat. When it is hot, add the olive oil, then the remaining ingredients. Cook, shaking the pan occoasionally, 8 to 10 minutes, until the tomatoes have popped and shrunk a little. Serve as a side dish, pasta sauce or topping for cheese grits.

Serves 4.

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