This is part of my recent BIR (British Indian Rastaurant) curry cookery revelation. It is a flavouring stock to be used in the making of BIR Base Gravy.

Planning

serves:	n/a
prep time:	5 mins
cooking time:	15 mins

Ingredients

700ml water

- 3 bay leaves
- 7 green cardamom pods, cracked
- 4 whole cloves
- 2 tsp black mustard seeds
- 2 tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tsp coriander seeds
- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 small cinnamon stick
- 1 small star anise (or half)

Method

Add all the dry ingredients to the water in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Simmer it for 15 minutes than strain off the liquid before discarding the residue.