

Super Rescue Soup

Makes: 6 Servings

“We live on Long Island, and when Hurricane Sandy struck, we were without power for 15 days,” reports Peter’s mom, Jill. “The grocery stores had no produce, dairy, or meat, but it was harvest time at our local farmstand, so there was plenty of fresh produce available there. We filled a wagon with fresh produce, added some pantry staples, and came up with this soup, which we could cook on our gas stovetop. To round out the meal we would serve Peter’s Banana Split Fruit Salad. Split a banana, top with berries and low-fat yogurt, and finish with ground flaxseed sprinkles.”

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup** dried cannellini beans (or 1 15-ounce can, drained and rinsed)
- 1/2 cup** pearl barley
- 2 tablespoons** olive oil
- 1** small onion, finely chopped
- 2** medium carrots (scrubbed and finely chopped)
- 2** medium stalks celery (finely chopped)
- 1** medium zucchini (quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/2-inch pieces)
- 3/4 cup** green beans (cut into 1/2-inch pieces)
- 1** russet potato (peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes)
- 1/2 cup** tomato sauce (or one medium tomato, chopped)
- 1/2 teaspoon** salt (or to taste)

Directions

1. If using dried beans, soak them overnight or do a quick soak (boil for 2 minutes, then remove them from the heat and let soak for 1 hour).
2. In a medium saucepan over moderate heat, cover the presoaked beans with 2 inches of water and cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Add 1 1/4 cups water, bring to a boil, and add



Nutrition Information

Key Nutrients	Amount	% Daily Value
Total Calories	187	
Total Fat	5 g	8%
Protein	5 g	
Carbohydrates	31 g	10%
Dietary Fiber	8 g	32%
Saturated Fat	1 g	5%
Sodium	440 mg	18%

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Vegetables	1 1/4 cups
Grains	1/2 ounce
Protein Foods	2 1/2 ounces

the barley. Lower the heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Set aside. (If using canned beans, wait to add them to the soup until step 4.)

3. In a large saucepan over moderate heat, warm the olive oil. Add the onion, carrots, and celery and sauté, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the zucchini and green beans and sauté until beginning to soften, about 3 minutes. Add the potato and sauté, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes.

4. Add 6 cups of water and the tomato sauce, raise the heat, and bring the soup to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Add the beans and barley and continue to simmer for 5 more minutes. Season with salt, and purée with an immersion blender, if desired.

Notes

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Nutrition Information does not include banana split fruit salad