

Chunky Vegetable Soup

4-6 servings

2 Tb extra virgin olive oil

1 large onion chopped

2 stalks celery diced

½ tsp Celtic sea salt

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp Italian seasoning

3 cups white or baby bella mushrooms, sliced

14.5 ounce canned crushed tomatoes

1 cup carrots, cut into chunks (2 carrots)

1 cup string beans cut, into 1 inch pieces

1/8 tsp fresh coarse ground black pepper

4 cups stock, vegetable or bone

1 cup frozen organic peas

2 cups coarsely chopped spinach

- Heat oil in a large heavy bottomed saucepan over mediumlow heat.
- Add olive oil, chopped onion celery and salt. Sauté for 4 minutes on medium low until translucent.
- Add, garlic, Italian seasoning and mushrooms
- Sauté on low for 5 minutes without browning.
- Add canned tomatoes, sauté 2 minutes.

- Add stock, carrots, string beans and pepper. Bring to boil reduce heat, cover and simmer on medium-low heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until string beans are tender.
- Add spinach and peas cover and cook an additional 3 minutes until spinach is wilted.
- Taste to adjust spices and salt

Optional: For additional protein add 1-14oz can navy or cannellini beans when you add the carrots and string beans.

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