



Hearty Bean and Vegetable Soup

Ingredients

- ½ cup each dried pink beans, dried lentils, dried black beans, yellow split peas, dried kidney beans, and dried blackeye peas
- 8 cups water
- 1 smoked ham hock (about ½ pound)
- 1 teaspoon each dried basil, dried rosemary, dried marjoram, and crushed red chillies
- ½ teaspoon each salt and ground black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped carrots
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 2 (14½-ounce) cans no salt added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce

Preparation

1. Rinse dried pink beans, lentils, black beans, yellow split peas, kidney beans, and blackeye peas under cold running water. Place beans, lentils, and peas in a large bowl, then cover with water to 2 inches above the mixture. Cover and let stand 8 hours, then drain.
2. Combine drained bean, lentil and pea mixture, water, and ham hock in a large pot; bring to a boil. Add spices, onion, carrots, celery, tomatoes, and tomato sauce. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 2 hours. Uncover and cook 1 hour.
3. Discard bay leaf. Remove ham hock from soup. Remove meat from bone; shred meat with 2 forks. Return meat to soup and serve.

This healthy meal is sure to please your entire family.

Makes 8 servings. 2 cups per serving.

Prep time: 20 minutes (excludes soaking beans)

Cook time: 3 hours

Nutrition information per serving:

Calories 346, Carbohydrate 50 g, Dietary Fiber 16 g, Protein 22 g, Total Fat 9 g, Saturated Fat 3 g, Trans Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 19 mg, Sodium 455 mg