

Minestrone Soup

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 onion, diced

5 garlic cloves, minced

2 celery stalks, sliced

2 carrots, sliced

1 tsp dried oregano

1 tsp dried Italian seasoning

Salt and pepper to taste

1 (28-oz) can diced tomatoes

1 (14-oz) can crushed tomatoes

6 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1 (15 oz) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 cup elbow pasta

⅓ cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Fresh oregano for garnish

Directions:

- In a large pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; sauté for 4 to 6 minutes or until onion is translucent. Add the celery and carrots and cook about 5 minutes. Stir in dried herbs and salt and pepper to taste. Cook another 5 minutes.
- Add the tomatoes and chicken broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10
 minutes. Stir in kidney beans and pasta; cook until pasta is tender, about 10 minutes.
 Season with salt to taste. Ladle into serving bowls and top with Parmesan and fresh
 herbs.