

MINESTRONE SOUP



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium leek, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 2 medium carrots, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 400g canned tomatoes
- 1 litre reduced salt vegetable or chicken stock
- 2 cups green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/4 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 cup dried wholemeal pasta, penne, spirals or shells work best

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- Add onion, leek, celery, carrots and garlic.
 Stirring well, cook for 10 minutes or until the vegetables have softened.
- 3. Add canned tomatoes, stock, cabbage, parsley, bay leaf and tomato paste. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 4. Add frozen peas and pasta, continue to simmer for a further 15 minutes.



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