

From Our Kitchens

Minestrone Soup

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 small onion, finely chopped 1 cup diced carrot 1 cup diced celery 1 cup diced zucchini (about 1 zucchini) ¹/₂ teaspoon salt 28 oz can low sodium petite diced tomatoes (undrained) 15 oz can kidney beans (drained) 15 oz can low sodium tomato sauce $5\frac{1}{2}$ cups low sodium vegetable broth 1 tablespoon dried basil 2 teaspoons dried parsley 1 teaspoon oregano Salt and pepper, to taste 1 cup baby spinach leaves, roughly chopped 1¹/₂ cups small shell pasta

Instructions

- 1. Melt butter and olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery, zucchini, and ½ teaspoon salt. Let cook for 8-10 minutes until tender, stirring occasionally.
- 2. Add the diced tomatoes, beans, tomato sauce, vegetable broth, basil, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Stir together and let come to a low boil. Once boiling, turn down the heat to low and let simmer for 15 minutes.
- 3. Add spinach and dried pasta shells. Let cook until pasta is done. About 10 minutes, depending on what size pasta you use.

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