

Pasta e Fagioli with Sausage

Ingredients

1 lb. bulk Italian sausage links 1 tbsp. olive oil 1 medium onion 2 cloves garlic 28 oz. canned diced tomatoes, partially drained 28 oz. low-sodium chicken broth 1 c. water 3 15-oz. cans great northern or cannellini beans 6 oz. ditalini or tubetti pasta, cooked (~1 cup dry) 5 oz. baby spinach, roughy chopped Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Instructions

- Cook pasta as label directs; drain.
- Heat a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until very hot. Add sausage and cook until well browned, breaking up sausage with side of spoon. Transfer sausage to bowl.
- Reduce heat to medium; add oil to Dutch oven. Add onions and cook until tender and golden, about 10 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes with their remaining iuice.
- Add broth and water; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Add beans and heat to boiling; cover and simmer 15 minutes longer. Add sausage and heat through.
- Just before serving, stir spinach and cooked pasta into soup. Serve with Parmesan, if you like. Makes about 16 cups or 8 main-dish servings.

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