

## Making Soup

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### Canned Soup to Culinary Instructor



### The More Popular Cooking is, the LESS We Cook?





# Benefits of Cooking



# How has COVID changedour cooking?

## COVICCooking







https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/covid-has-stirred-up-our-cooking-habits-study-led-by-qub-reveals-39932066.html

### Applying 'healthy eating patterns'





# Soup?





## Making Soup

## 1. Stocking Your Pantry

## Equipment

### Large pot

A large stainless steel or ceramic soup pot or Dutch oven

### Immersion (stick) blender

Choose a metal blender base - plastic melts - yikes!

#### **OPTIONAL**

Crock pot

Instant cooker

Read Me! https://cooking.nytimes.com/guides/40-how-to-make-soup

### The Perfect SOUP Pantry

- Broth/Stock: Bouillon, Milk, Coconut Milk, V8 or Tomato Juice
- **Fat:** Oil ,Butter, Bacon, Sausage, Ground Meat
- **Vegetables:** Onions, Celery, Carrots, Canned Tomatoes, Frozen Mixed Vegetables
- Seasonings: Italian Seasoning, Poultry Seasoning, Onion Powder, Garlic Powder, Oregano, Infused Oils, Vinegar, Wine, Fresh Herbs, Green Onion

Starch: Pasta, Lentils/Beans, Potatoes, Couscous, Quinoa



2. Making a Soup Base

### Universal Soup Base Recipe

Cook vegetables in oil, add broth and cook other ingredients as needed

- 1 4 cups low salt broth
- <sup>2</sup> 2 large carrots, diced
- 3 2 large celery ribs, diced
- 4 1 onion, diced
- 5 teaspoon of oil



# Easy SoupBases



## Making a Seasoning Base

## **Building Flavor**

1 If no onions in your broth, sub 1 tsp onion powder for one onion

- 2 Use herbs! 1/2 - 1 tsp dry herbs or triple volume for fresh (except rosemary, use same amount) Crush the dry herbs to release the flavor
- 3 Add a little fat (oils carry the flavor)

## Easy SoupSeasonings

#### SalsaJuices-Sauces

V8/Tomato Juice, Carrot Juice, Lemon/Lime Juice

Pesto, Curry, Soy Sauce, Hot Sauce



## Convenience..

### Life Hacks and Shortcuts

## Take the Help

Using *Convenience Foods* to Make Healthy Meals

### **Recipe for Improvement**

### **Store-Bought Soups and Mixes**

### Double the Vegetables

Add Frozen or Fresh Vegetables

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#### Add More Lean Protein

Beans

Lentils

Greek yogurt

Lean chicken (breast, thighs)

Pork (chops, loin)

Beef (93% or sirloin)

Fish/Seafood (salmon cubes, shrimp)



- Add 25% more water or salt-free broth
- Add 30-50% more of spices except the salt
- Cut packets of seasoning back, add extra pepper, herbs

Before	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	260.0
Total Fat	7.0 g
Saturated Fat	3.0 g
Polyunsaturated Fat	0.0 g
Monounsaturated Fat	0.0 g
Cholesterol	30.0 mg
Sodium	1,200.0 mg
Potassium	0.0 mg
Total Carbohydrate	33.0 g
Dietary Fiber	7.0 g
Sugars	5.0 g
Protein	16.0 g
Vitamin A	10.0 %
Vitamin B-12	0.0 %
Vitamin B-6	0.0 %
Vitamin C	0.0 %
Vitamin D	0.0 %
Vitamin E	0.0 %
Calcium	60%

Chili Before and After add canned no-salt tomatoes and beans 35% less fat 48% less sodium 300% more potassium 41% more fiber 28% less cost! Zero extra effort :)

#### After

Amount Per Serving

Calories	251.1
Total Fat	4.6 g
Saturated Fat	1.7 g
Polyunsaturated Fat	0.0 g
Monounsaturated Fat	0.0 g
Cholesterol	16.7 mg
Sodium	683.3 mg
Potassium	326.7 mg
Total Carbohydrate	36.3 g
Dietary Fiber	9.9 g
Sugars	6.1 g
Protein	14.2 g
Vitamin A	18.2 %
Vitamin B-12	0.0 %
Vitamin B-6	0.0 %
Vitamin C	26.0 %
Vitamia D	0.0 %
Vitamin D	
Vitamin E	0.0 %
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## Time Savers

#### • Prepped Vegetables

Frozen - Mixes, diced varieties, diced potatotes Salad Bar

Coleslaw Mix

#### • Seasoning Blends

Poultry Mix

Italian

Chilli Powder

#### • Quick Proteins

Rotisserie Chicken Frozen Meatballs Raw Shrimp (cooks in minutes, adds flavor)

#### • Pre-Cooked Starches

Steam in bag or canned lentils, beans, rice Frozen rice Potato flakes

### Start With What You Know: Add Vegetables Into Your Usual Recipes

## Foods to use in your SOUP

#### • Side Dishes

Mashed potatoes Leftover rice or pasta Leftover vegetables

#### • From the Cupboard

Pumpkin puree Beans Lentils Rice

Pasta

#### • Condiments

Soy sauce Hot sauce Pesto Pickled beets, peppers, onions (for garnishes) Sour cream Cream cheese

#### • Produce

Cole slaw Mix Kale Spinach

## Easy Minestrone Soup



## Simple Southwest Soup



### Quick Potato Soup



### THANK YOU!

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