Hearty Minestrone Soup

- This recipe is a healthy, quick and simple version of a traditional Minestrone Soup.
- Try choosing to make half of pasta noodles whole grain to increase whole grain options in your diet.
- Great way to use and stretch canned or pouch beef stew or substitute canned beef.
- Enjoy with a side salad to add more vegetables to your day.
- This recipe includes the vegetable and grains food groups, adding healthy fiber to your diet.

Nutrition Facts

	40 to
6 servings per container Serving size	1 cup
Amount per serving Calories	420
% D	aily Value*
Total Fat 9g	12%
Saturated Fat 3.5g	18%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 110mg	37%
Sodium 400mg	17%
Total Carbohydrate 36g	13%
Dietary Fiber 5g	18%
Total Sugars 6g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 46g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 118mg	10%
Iron 6mg	35%
Potassium 953mg	20%

*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

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Servings: 6 Prep Time: 30 minutes or less



Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2-3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
- 1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes (diced, stewed, crushed, or sauce)
- 1 pouch (24 oz.) beef stew
- 2 cups water
- 2 cans (14.5 oz.) of low-sodium mixed vegetables, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 oz.) can beans (kidney, pinto, cannellini, navy), drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup of small pasta (elbows, penne, shells)
- Pepper, to taste

Directions:

- 1. Add oil to a large pot, when hot add diced onion. Sauté for 5 minutes.
- 2. Add minced garlic and Italian Seasoning and stir for 30 seconds.
- 3. Add can of tomatoes, beef stew pouch, pasta and water.
- 4. Bring to boil.
- **5. Mix** in vegetables, beans and pepper. Bring to simmer, until pasta is tender (according to package directions).
- **6.** Add more water if soup is too thick. Serve with toasted multigrain bread.

Optional: add crushed red pepper flakes to taste. For garnish, add fresh herbs like parsley, rosemary or parmesan cheese.