GREEK · LUNCH · DINNER

Fasolada: Greek White Bean Soup in 30 Minutes

40 min · Serves 6 · 330 kcal a serve · Video 8:41 · Dimitra's Dishes

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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White beans make each bowl high in fibre (about 10 g) with plant protein, iron and folate; with carrots, celery and tomato it is a filling one-pot meal without cream or meat, and vegan if you leave off the feta.

Diet notes: Vegan if you leave out the feta; Dairy-free if you leave out the feta.

Ingredients 15 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 60–80 ml **olive oil**
- [ ] 3 **carrots**, diced
- [ ] 2–3 **celery** stalks, diced
- [ ] 1 **onion**, finely chopped
- [ ] 5–6 **garlic** cloves, chopped
- [ ] 1 × 800 g can **crushed tomatoes**
- [ ] ¼–½ tsp **sugar**
- [ ] 2 × 425 g cans **white beans** (navy, great northern or cannellini), drained and rinsed
- [ ] **salt**, to taste
- [ ] **black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] ¼ tsp **crushed red pepper flakes**, or to taste
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried oregano**
- [ ] 1.4–1.9 L **water or vegetable broth**, enough to cover the beans
- [ ] 15 g finely chopped **fresh parsley**
- [ ] crumbled **feta**, to serve (optional; about 15 g a bowl)

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Milk. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the onion, celery, carrots and garlic in a pot with a pinch of salt and the olive oil. Cover and cook over medium heat 10–12 minutes, stirring often, until soft. 2:54
2. Add the crushed tomatoes, sugar, salt, pepper, chilli flakes and oregano and stir. 4:12
3. Drain and rinse the beans and add them, then pour in enough water or broth to cover by about 2.5 cm. Bring to the boil. 4:51
4. Reduce to medium and cook 15–20 minutes until the soup thickens a little and the flavours come together. Taste and adjust the seasoning. 5:12
5. Stir in the parsley. Serve with toasted bread, olives and a little feta, and a squeeze of lemon or splash of vinegar if you like. 5:50

> **Tip** Freezes well for up to 3 months, so make a double batch; thin with a little water when reheating. Use 60 ml oil for a lighter soup. Soaked dried beans work too; cook them 45–60 minutes first.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
330 kcal 1,380 kJ	13 g 27% of a day	39 g 30 g net · 9.5 g sugars 14% of a day
FIBRE	**FAT**	**SODIUM**
9.8 g 35% of a day	15 g 3.8 g saturated 19% of a day	740 mg 32% of a day

Energy from net carbs 39% · protein 17% · fat 44%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 55% · Vitamin A 39% · Iron 31% · Vitamin E 28% · Folate 28% · Vitamin B6 24% · Potassium 23% · Vitamin C 23% · Magnesium 21% · Zinc 20%

Source of (10–19%) Calcium 18% · Omega-3 13% · Vitamin B12 11%

Recipe and video: Dimitra's Dishes (@DimitrasDishes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=USwVm0q7H4M, published 6 January 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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