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Soupe au Pistou (Provençal Vegetable and Bean Soup)

40 min · Serves 6 · 300 kcal a serve · Video 6:21 · America's Test Kitchen

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Packed with vegetables and cannellini beans, each serve gives about 11 g of protein and 5 g of fibre and is a good source of vitamin K and vitamin C. An olive-oil and basil pistou adds richness instead of cream.

Diet notes: Vegetarian with a vegetarian hard cheese instead of the parmesan cheese (traditionally made with animal rennet).

Ingredients 18 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 1 tbsp extra **virgin olive oil**
- [ ] 1 **leek**, cut into 1.5 cm pieces and washed well
- [ ] 1 **celery rib**, cut into 1.5 cm pieces
- [ ] 1 **carrot**, cut into 6 mm pieces
- [ ] ½ tsp **salt**
- [ ] 2 **garlic** cloves, minced
- [ ] 710 ml **vegetable broth**
- [ ] 710 ml **water**
- [ ] **Pasta**: 55 g dry orecchiette or other small pasta
- [ ] **Green beans**: 230 g green beans or haricots verts, cut into 1.5 cm lengths
- [ ] 1 **zucchini**, seeded and cut into 6 mm pieces
- [ ] 1 **tomato**, seeded and cut into 6 mm pieces
- [ ] 1 can **cannellini beans**, with their liquid
- [ ] 10 g **fresh basil leaves**, for the pistou
- [ ] 50 g grated **Parmesan cheese**, for the pistou
- [ ] 80 ml extra **virgin olive oil**, for the pistou
- [ ] 1 **garlic** clove, minced, for the pistou
- [ ] a pinch of **black pepper**, for the pistou

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

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large pot over medium heat until shimmering. Add the leek, celery, carrot and ½ tsp salt and cook for 8–10 minutes until soft. Stir in the garlic for 30 seconds. 0:39
2. Add the vegetable broth and water and bring to a simmer. Add the pasta and cook for 5 minutes. 1:26
3. Add the green beans and cook for 3–5 minutes, until bright green and tender-crisp. 2:05
4. Stir in the zucchini, tomato and the cannellini beans with their liquid and simmer for about 3 minutes, until just tender. Turn off the heat. 2:41
5. For the pistou, blitz the basil, Parmesan, 80 ml olive oil and garlic in a food processor for about 15 seconds until smooth; season with pepper. 3:39
6. Ladle the soup into bowls and stir a generous spoonful of pistou into each. 4:16

> **Tip** Serves 6 (our estimate). Use vegetarian Parmesan-style cheese to keep it vegetarian, or leave the cheese out of the pistou for a vegan soup. Navy beans can replace cannellini.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
300 kcal	**11** g	**27** g	**5.4** g	**17** g	**650** mg
1,260 kJ	21% of a day	22 g net · 5 g sugars	19% of a day	3.5 g saturated	28% of a day
		10% of a day		22% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 31% · protein 15% · fat 54%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 44% · Vitamin E 21% · Vitamin C 20% · Folate 20%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin A 19% · Iron 17% · Magnesium 16% · Vitamin B6 16% · Selenium 15% · Calcium 14% · Omega-3 14% · Potassium 13% · Zinc 11%

Recipe and video: America's Test Kitchen (@AmericasTestKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=PD8EkP-nEW0, published 29 May 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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