Vegetable Minestrone

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup frozen carrots, diced
- 1 can (28 oz.) diced plum tomatoes
- 7 cups water
- 1 can (15 oz.) no-salt-added
 - red kidney beans, drained
- 1 cup whole-grain fusilli or macaroni

Method:

2 cups chopped frozen kale

- ⅔ cup frozen cut **green**
 - beans or broccoli florets
- 1 tbsp each dried **oregano** and **basil**
- 1 tsp salt, or more to taste



In a large soup pot, sauté garlic in olive oil for 1 minute. Add carrots and sauté 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, water and kidney beans. Bring to a boil. Add fusilli, kale, green beans, herbs and salt. Cook 10-15 minutes, until pasta is tender. Serve, topped with grated Parmesan or chili flakes if desired.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving:

230 calories | 10g protein | 4g total fat | 0.5g saturated fat | 2g mono fat | 1.5g poly fat | Omg cholesterol | 44g carbohydrate | 4g sugar | 9g fiber | 467mg sodium

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