HEARTY VEGETABLE AND LENTIL SOUP

This hearty soup is very versatile and can be adapted for whatever vegetables you have available. Use this dish as a complement to a meal or serve with homemade corn bread to complete a meal. The vegetables and lentils provide an excellent amount of insoluble and soluble fiber, and this dish is a great choice for those dealing with constipation.

Yield: 6 servings

INGREDIENTS:
• 3 cups water
• 3 cups vegetable or chicken broth
• 3 medium carrots, chopped
• 1 medium onion, chopped
• 1 cup dried lentils, rinsed
• 2 celery ribs, sliced
• 1 small bell pepper, color of your choice
• ¼ cup uncooked brown rice
• 1 tsp. dried basil or 1 Tbsp. of fresh chopped basil
• 1 garlic clove, minced
• 1 bay leaf
• ½ cup tomato paste

DIRECTIONS:
1. In a large saucepan, combine all ingredients except tomato paste. Bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 to 1 ¼ hours or until lentils and rice are tender.

NUTRITIONAL DATA:
Nutritional Data: 206 calories, 1.4 grams fat, 0 grams saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 36 grams carbohydrate, 12.6 grams dietary fiber, 12.9 grams protein

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