Tuscan Lentil Soup

Servings 6-8 Prep 10 min Cook 35 min

Ingredients

- **1 Tbsp.** Olive Oil
- 1 Pack of 4 Beyond Brats (any flavor)
- 8 cups Low-Sodium Veggie Broth
- 1 Yellow Onion (diced)
- 1 cup Cherry Tomatoes (quartered)
- **5** Red Potatoes (cubed)
- 1 Zucchini (diced)
- 3 cup Fresh Spinach
- 1 cup Dry Green Lentils

4 Cloves Garlic (minced)³/₄ tsp. Dried Oregano

- 3/4 tsp. Dried Basil
- 1/4 tsp. Crushed Red Pepper Flakes
- 1/4 tsp. Paprika
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 1/4 tsp. Salt
- $\frac{1}{2}\ tsp.$ Ground Black Pepper

Directions

- Slice the brat, add to a pan and cook the brats (I usually cook the brats longer than I normally would when adding to soup because the broth will soften in and add moisture back in). Once done, set aside.
- In a large stock pot or Dutch-oven set over medium heat, add the oil. Stir in the garlic and onion, cook until fragrant. Sprinkle in the oregano, basil, red pepper flakes, paprika, salt and black pepper. Add the bay leaf and then pour in the veggie broth. Bring to a boil, then add the potatoes and lentils and cook for 10 minutes.
- 3 After the 10 minutes, add in the tomatoes and zucchini, continue simmering for 15 minutes or until the lentils are tender. Add The Brats. Stir in the spinach and wilt, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately, top with parmesan shavings if desired.