

Serves: 4 **Prep Time:** 5 minutes **Cook Time:** 10–12 minutes (stovetop)

Ingredients

- 2 packs beef ramen noodles
- 1 can sliced carrots or mixed vegetables (drained)
- 1 packet onion soup and dip mix
- 2 cups water
- ½ tsp pepper
- Optional: ½ tsp Italian seasoning or bay leaf for depth

Instructions

- 1. Boil water in a large skillet or saucepan. Add onion soup mix and stir until dissolved.
- 2. Add vegetables:
 - Stir in drained carrots or mixed vegetables.
 - o Simmer for 2–3 minutes to heat through and infuse flavor.
- 3. Break ramen noodles into chunks and add to the pan (discard one seasoning packet or save for another use).
- 4. Simmer for 3–5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until noodles are tender and most of the liquid is absorbed.
- 5. Season with pepper and optional herbs. Remove bay leaf if used.

Serving Suggestions

- Crunchy Topper: Sprinkle crushed corn flakes or cheerios on top for texture.
- Sidekick Muffins: Serve with warm corn muffins made from Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix and water.
- Sweet Finish: Offer fruit and grain cereal bars or unsweetened applesauce with a spoonful of apricot preserves.

