

Kitchen tools needed:

large size stock pot, medium size heavy gauge soup pot, stirring spoon, ladle, cutting board, chef's knife, board scraper.

Ingredients:

½ cup neutral oil such as rice bran oil or avocado oil

- 3 medium size carrots, diced
- 6 stalks celery, diced
- 1 medium size onion, diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 black peppercorns
- 3 quarts cold filtered water with 3 teaspoons sea salt
- 6 oz fresh mushrooms, sliced
- ½ bunch Italian flat leaf parsley
- salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Heat stock pot with 3 quarts of cold filtered water annd sea salt, add all vegetable scraps including parsley stems and simmer for 20 minutes.
- 2. Add bay leaf and pepper corns and simmer for 10 more minutes.
- 3. Heat medium size heavy gauge soup pot on burner, turn on medium high,
- 4. Add oil and heat till just before smoking.
- 5. Add diced celery, carrot and onion and cook till lightly caramelized.
- 6. Add 2 quarts vegeatable stock and turn down to simmer.
- 7. Add sliced mushrooms and chopped parsley
- 8. Taste soup and add salt and pepper as desired.
- 9. Serve soup piping hot with fresh bread of choice.

Serving suggestions:

- Add cooked pasta to soup while simmering to create a vegetable noodle soup.
- Add chopped fresh herbs of choice such as; thyme, oregano or basil, to soup towards end of simmering.
- Add cooked beans, tomato paste, oregano, and grated Parmesan to create a vegetable minestrone soup.

Serves approximately 8 servings
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