

## **Tuscan Bean Soup**

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 35 minutes | Total: 45 minutes

Yield: 6 servings | Serving Size: 1 cup

## **Ingredients**

1 teaspoon olive oil

½ medium onion, chopped (about ½ cup)

2 celery stalks, chopped (about ½ cup)

1 clove garlic, minced (about ½ teaspoon)

1 teaspoon dried oregano

½ teaspoon dried thyme

1/4-1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, to taste

2 cups (16 ounces) low-sodium vegetable broth

1 (15-ounce) can no-salt-added white beans (e.g. cannellini beans, great northern beans), drained and rinsed

1 (14.5-ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes

3 cups fresh spinach (about 3 ounces)

6 tablespoons shredded or grated parmesan cheese, divided

## **Directions**

- 1. Heat a large saucepan or pot over medium heat.
- 2. Add the oil and heat until shimmering.
- 3. Add the onion, celery, and garlic. Sauté until the onion and celery are soft, about 3-5 minutes.
- 4. Add the oregano, thyme, and red pepper flakes. Sauté until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- 5. Stir in the broth, beans, and the tomatoes with their juice.
- 6. Increase the heat to high and bring the soup to a simmer. Reduce the heat to maintain simmer.
- 7. Cover the saucepan with a lid and cook for 20-25 minutes, allowing the flavors combine.
- 8. Remove the lid and stir in the spinach.
- 9. Cover the pot with the lid and cook until the spinach is just wilted, about 2-3 minutes.
- 10. Divide the soup between six serving bowls and top each with 1 tablespoon of the parmesan cheese. Serve warm.

## **Recipe Notes**

• If you don't have fresh spinach on hand substitute 1 cup loose frozen spinach.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 135 | Total Fat: 4 g | Saturated Fat: 2 g Sodium: 175 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 15 g | Dietary Fiber: 5 g | Protein: 10 g

