Golden Split Pea Soup

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Serves 4-6 Adults

Chef's tip: When using dried peas or beans, always sort and rinse them before cooking.

INGREDIENTS:

2 C Yellow Split Peas
1 T Vege-broth Powder
1 T Salt
1/2 C Diced Celery
1/2 C Diced Carrots
1 Lg Onion Diced

Add all ingredients to 4 cups boiling distilled water.
Simmer slowly for about 45 minutes or until peas are soft.
Puree the entire mixture.

Mix up 2 1/2 cups of "Better than Milk" milk substitute. (I like to double the powder to make it creamier.)

Add milk substitute, stir and simmer 10 minutes.

Variations:

1. Reserve half of the peas, carrots, celery, and onion before pureeing then add back for a chunkier texture.

2. Top soup with Stripples Vegetarian Bacon Bits

3. Add some diced potatoes or other vegetables to the mix

Enjoy this on a cool fall afternoon. The color of the soup is beautiful, and it tastes good too.

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