15 Bean Soup Slow Cooker

SERVINGS PREP TIME COOK TIME TOTAL TIME 8 15 MIN 6-8 HOURS 81/4 HOURS

This soup brings together a colorful mix of vegetables, warm spices, and a hearty blend of beans. The slow cooker method requires no soaking but you can also make it on the stovetop, simmering for 2 - 3 hours with occasional stirring. Either way, you get a cozy, flavorful bowl that gets better as it cooks.



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•1 Package 15-Bean Soup (or	

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- \blacksquare Rinse beans and check for any debris to discard.
- Add to slow cooker.

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•1 Medium Onion

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- •3-4 Celery Ribs
- •1 Bag Baby Carrots (16 oz)

■ Dice the onion, celery, and carrots, then add to slow cooker.

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- •2 tbsp Minced Garlic
- •1 Large Can Diced Tomatoes (28 oz)
- •2 Cartons Vegetable Broth (32 oz each)

■ Add garlic, diced tomatoes, and vegetable broth to slow cooker.

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Double check the seasoning packet included in the bean package to confirm it is plant-based. The name brand version is labeled vegan on the spice packet inside the package. Many generic versions are also considered vegan even if not labeled, use your judgement. *IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO USE PACKET - SUBSTITUTE: 1 tsp Thyme, 1 tsp Oregano, and 1 Bay Leaf.*

■ Add seasoning packet to slow cooker and stir well.

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Salt & Pepper

- Cover the slow cooker and cook on high for 6 8 hours. While the soup may be fully cooked at 6 hours, the extra time allows the flavors to deepen and the broth to thicken.
- Halfway through, taste the broth and season with salt and pepper as needed IT IS LIKELY TO NEED BOTH.

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OPTIONAL

- •1 Package Plant-Based Sausage
- Once the soup has finished cooking, turn off the slow cooker and let it cool for 15 minutes.
- If desired, dice plant-based sausage or crumble a package of ground plant-based sausage, then cook according to package instructions in a separate sauté pan. Let it get slightly crispy for the best flavor and texture.

TO SERVE

■ Add sausage to each bowl of soup. Adjust seasoning with salt, pepper, or your favorite hot sauce.