

RECIPE

Hero Vegetable: Kale

Kale Tomato Soup

Ingredients:

4 cups kale, stems removed and sliced

1 large carrot, diced

1 medium onion, diced

1 stick celery, chopped (optional)

Salt to taste

2 large garlic cloves, minced

1 14-ounce can chopped tomatoes, with juice

6 cups water

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 teaspoon oregano

1 bay leaf

10 sprigs parsley

6 sprigs thyme

1 can white beans, drained and rinsed

Freshly ground pepper

Grated Parmesan for serving

Butchers twine

Directions:

Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a dutch oven or heavy pot. Add the onion. Sauté until translucent about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the tomatoes and juice. Sprinkle with salt and cook, stirring occasionally for about 5 minutes, until the tomatoes have cooked down slightly.

Add the water, tomato paste, oregano, celery, carrots and salt to taste. Holding the parsley and thyme together, wrap a section of butchers twine securely around the sprigs. Toss it along with the bay leaf into the pot. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender about 20-25 minutes. Stir in the beans during the last 5 minutes of cooking. Turn off the heat. Mix in the kale. Add salt and pepper to your preference. Serve with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese.