

2023 VIRTUAL CLASSES MINESTRONE SOUP & BISCUITS

MINESTRONE SOUP

- 2 tablespoons oil (we use grapeseed since it won't burn)
- 1 onion, diced (optional)
- 1 clove garlic, minced (optional)
- 4 large carrots, diced
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 1-2 cups green beans, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 2 cans cannellini beans mashed
- 1 can cannelloni beans, drained
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 6 cups broth
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary or other herbs
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1½ cup dry small pasta (like ditalini or orecchiette with a short cooking time)
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese
- 1. Open the can of beans and pour the liquid and beans into a large bowl. Mash the beans with a very large fork or masher.
- 2. Prepare the veggies: dice the onion, mince the garlic, cut the carrots and celery, cut the beans, zucchini, and pepper.
- 3. Add oil to a large pot and heat to medium high. Add the onion, carrot, and celery. Cook until the onions are translucent. Add garlic and cook for one more minute, stirring constantly.
- 4. Add remaining veggies, pureed/mashed and drained beans, crushed tomato, broth, herbs, and salt to the pot and stir to combine. Bring to a boil.

- 5. Add pasta and cook for the recommended time, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Remove from heat and stir in parmesan.

BUTTERMILK BISCUITS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted cold butter, cut into small pea-sized pieces or grated on a box grater
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1. Preheat oven to 400° F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper (if using).
- 2. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- 3. Add butter to the dry ingredients and and toss with your hands to coat. Do not allow the butter to melt. Pour in the buttermilk and mix with a rubber spatula just until the dough forms.
- 4. With a lightly floured hand, gather dough into a ball and knead it gently against the sides and bottom of the bowl for 1-2 minutes.
- 5. Flour a cutting board or clean flat surface. Use your finger to press the dough into a 1" flat surface. Use a biscuit cutter or bench scraper to cut shapes. Over-handling the dough will make the biscuits tough.
- 6. If desired, brush biscuit tops with melted butter. Place on a baking sheet at least 1 inch apart and bake 15 minutes, until golden brown on top.



INGREDIENTS

(all of the recipes can easily be doubled)

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- 2 celery ribs
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- 1 small zucchini
- 1 bell pepper
- 2 cans cannellini beans mashed
- 1 can cannelloni beans, drained
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 6 cups broth
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary or other herbs
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 ½ cup dry small pasta (like ditalini or orecchiette with a short cooking time ideally 6 minutes or less)
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese
- cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted cold butter (KEEP REFRIGERATED)
- 1 cup buttermilk

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EQUIPMENT

- can opener
- · cutting board
- sharp knife (or kid-safe)
- · measuring spoons
- liquid measuring cup
- dry measuring cups
- bowls: 1 large bowl for beans, 1 large bowl for biscuits
- wooden spoon or heat safe spatula, and one more spatula
- large sized pot with lid
- knife/fork/spoons
- sheet pan, lined with parchment if using
- bench scraper or biscuit cutter
- hot pads

NOTES

- We will be using both the oven (biscuits) and the stove (soup for these recipes.
- Set out all ingredients, but do not measure anything.

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