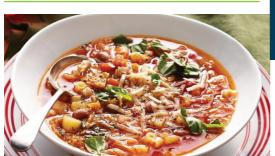
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## **Minestroni**



# NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION Serves 4

LIFE CARE

Energy 2599kJ
Fat saturated 3.6g
Fat Total 11.6g
Carbohydrate 19.3g
Dietary Fibre 7.5g
Protein 15g

### **INGREDIENTS**

3 bacon rashers, rind removed, roughly chopped

- 2 carrots, peeled, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 1 desiree potato, peeled, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1L (4 cups) beef stock
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 400g can red kidney beans, rinsed, drained
- 80g (1 cup) small shell pasta

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Place the bacon, carrots, celery and potato in a large saucepan and stir to combine. Cook over high heat, uncovered, stirring often, for 5 minutes.
- 2. Add the garlic, beef stock, tomatoes and red kidney beans to the pan, cover and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. (To freeze the soup, see note).
- Increase heat to high. Add pasta and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, following
  packet directions or until pasta is al dente. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into
  serving bowls and sprinkle with parsley. Serve immediately.

### FREEZING INFORMATION

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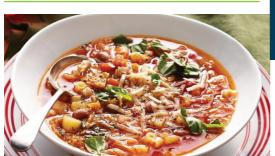
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