## Vegetable Medley Soup



## Ingredients

2 tbsp. olive oil

½ cup small diced onion

4 cloves minced garlic

1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of cherry or grape tomatoes

1 carrot, peeled and diced small

1 parsnip, peeled and diced small

2 stalks celery, peeled and diced small

½ ea. red pepper, diced small (1/4 cup)

1 small zucchini, cut in half, seed pocket

scraped out, diced small

3 leaves of green or white cabbage, cut into strips

1 cup mushrooms, sliced (6-8 ea.)

1 oz. green beans, cut into 2 inch pieces

3 leaves kale, stems removed and cut into 1

inch pieces (or 1 cup raw spinach)

1/4# pasta (any small shape)

1 bay leaf

6-8 basil leaves, shredded thin

½ tsp. dried oregano or Italian seasoning

1-1 ½ tsp kosher salt

½ tsp. ground black pepper

2 qts. Veggie or chicken stock or broth

½ cup grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese

## Procedure

- 1. Heat oil in the bottom of a 6-qt. stock pot over medium high heat. Add onions and garlic. Sauté for 2-3 minutes until fragrant and soft.
- 2. Add the tomatoes, and cook until skin is beginning to blister.
- 3. Add the celery, red pepper, carrots, parsnips, zucchini, mushrooms, and cabbage. Cook and stir for 2-3 minutes.
- 4. Add the stock, bay leaves, salt, pepper, and dried oregano. Bring to a simmer. Add the pasta, and green beans. Cook for 6-8 minutes, or until pasta is al dente.
- 5. Add the kale and the basil. Remove bay leaf. Adjust seasonings.
- 6. Stir in cheese or sprinkle on the top.

Yields 3-4 quarts.