Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

Ingredients

1	Pkg	Manischewitz vegetable soup mix
7	Cups	Water
1	Cup	Diced onion
1	Cup	Diced celery
1	Cup	Diced carrot
3	Cloves	Minced garlic
1/4	Cup	EVOO
1	Cup	Diced potatoes (optional)
1	Can	Diced tomatoes
1	Can	Corn
1	Can	Chickpeas
1	Can	Mushrooms
1	Cup	Frozen mixed vegetables
1		Bay leaf
		Bouillon – to taste
		Salt & pepper – to taste
1/4	Cup	Masa flour
		Green or red Tabasco sauce
		Salt and pepper

- 1. Heat the EVOO in a large saucepot.
- 2. Add the diced onion, carrots and celery to the pot and sauté over medium heat for about 10 minutes.
- 3. Add the minced garlic and continue sauteing for another minute.
- 4. Add 7 cups water to the pot.
- 5. Bring the water to a boil, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Add the soup packet ingredients to the pot EXCEPT for the contents of the small seasoning packet.
- 7. Add the bay leaf.
- 8. Simmer ~2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender.
- 9. Add the diced potatoes.
- 10. Add the canned corn, tomatoes, chickpeas and mushrooms including the juice.
- 11. Bring the soup back to a boil.
- 12. Add the frozen mixed vegetables and bring the soup back to a boil again.
- 13. Add the contents of the small packet.
- 14. Turn the flame down to a simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes.
- 15. If necessary, add salt, pepper and/or bouillon to taste.
- 16. Enjoy the soup!

Vegetable Soup Variations

- Use a different soup mix (e.g., minestrone)
- Instead of water, use vegetable stock, chicken stock or broth, beef stock or broth*
- Add meat of your choice:*
 - o Stew beef
 - Short ribs
 - o Chicken pieces (including skin and bones)
 - Turkey carcass (or rotisserie chicken carcass)
 - o Whole cut-up rotisserie chicken
- Add additional vegetables of your choosing
- Remove vegetables you don't want
- Add a can of tomato sauce
- Add a can of kidney or black beans (drained and rinsed)
- Add pasta:
 - o Bow tie
 - o Farfel
 - Macaroni
 - o Orzo
- Experiment!

^{*} Adding meat or meat stock/broth makes the soup non-vegetarian and non-parve.