

Hearty, delicious and creamy grain bowl with fresh vegetables.

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes

Yield: 50 servings **Portion size:** 4 oz.

Ingredients:

- 3 oz. olive oil
- 1 lb. 8 oz. onions, sliced into thin half-rings
- 1 tbsp. garlic, minced
- 1 lb. barley
- 1 oz. low-sodium vegetable base
- 11/4 qt. water
- 1 lb. 6 oz. carrots, peeled, sliced
- 10 oz. cauliflower, small florets
- 8 oz. broccoli, small florets
- 1 tbsp. basil, dried
- 1 tbsp. thyme, dried
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 lbs. diced tomatoes, fresh
- 1 lb. zucchini, squash, sliced
- 10 oz. green bell peppers, diced
- 1 lb. 8 oz. peas, frozen

Directions:

- 1. Heat oil to 350°F in a large pot or tilting frying pan.
- 2. Sauté onions, garlic, and barley in hot oil until onions and barley are golden brown, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Mix vegetable base with part of the water. Add water and vegetable base to vegetable-barley mixture. Heat to boiling and reduce to simmer until barley is almost tender, about 30 minutes. Stir occasionally.
- 4. Add carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, herbs and spices to barley mixture.

 Cover and simmer for 12–15 minutes.
- 5. Add tomatoes, squash, peppers, and peas to barley mixture. Cook for5-10 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Nutrition Information per serving:

- Fulfills one serving of vegetables
- Good source of fiber
- 💧 Good for blood sugar control

Calories	Carbohydrates	Protein	Fat	Sodium	Fiber
80 kcal	13 g	2.6 g	2 g	153 mg	3.4 g