From the book "Man Can Cook" for "The Saturday Herd" By Robert Sturm

Zesty 5 Bean Soup

Ingredients

1 Cup Onion, small diced

1 Cup Celery, small diced

1 Cup carrot, small diced

1 Cup Yellow Bell Pepper, small diced

1 Cup Tomato, small diced

2 TB. Garlic, minded

2 TB. Serrano Chilies, minced (about 2 chilies)

1 oz. Olive Oil

2 QTs. Chicken Stock (Wolfgang Puck brand or other)

4 each Smoked Ham Hocks or 1 Large Ham Bone

1 Can (15 oz) Cannelloni Beans, drained and rinsed

1 Can (15 oz) Black Bean, drained and rinsed

1 Can (15 oz) Kidney Beans, drained and rinsed

1 Can (15 oz) Pinto Beans, drained and rinsed

1 Can (15 oz) Red Beans, drained and rinsed

4 TB. Chili Seasoning

2 Cups Cilantro, chopped (stems and leaves)

½ Cup Sweet Onion, minced (for garnish)

6 each Cilantro Sprigs

1 each Lime cut into wedges (optional)

½ Cup Low Fat Sour Cream (optional)

1 Bottle Hot Sauce

Directions

In a large pot sauté onion, celery, carrots, bell pepper, chilies and garlic till tender. About 3 minutes. Add stock and ham hocks. Add beans and chili seasoning. Bring to a boil. Simmer 1 hour. Add cilantro. Stir well. Serve in bowls. Garnish with onions and cilantro sprig

Serves 6

