Spring/Summer Seasonal Soups

Soup #1

8 cups water
4 bay leaves
2 inch strip dried kombu
1 large organic onion finely chopped
4 organic carrots finely chopped
1 cup sliced organic celery
1 28 oz can diced organic tomatoes, no salt
½ cup dried or 1 cup fresh, finely minced organic parsley
½ cup dried organic green lentils
½ cup dried organic red lentils

Put all ingredients in a large pot and simmer gently for 1 hour. After ½ hour, remove kombu, chop into ¼ inch pieces and return to the soup pot.

For a deeper flavour, sauté the onion, celery and carrots in 1 teaspoon olive oil for 10 minutes in the bottom of the pot before adding the other ingredients.

Soup #2

12 cups water

4 bay leaves

1 large organic onion finely chopped

2 organic carrots finely chopped

1 cup sliced organic celery

1/2 cup sliced organic pea pods

1 cup diced organic roasted bell peppers

1/2 cup chopped zucchini

 $^{1\!\!/_2}$ cup dried or 1 cup fresh, finely minced organic parsley

1 cup dried organic red lentils

Optional: 1 cup chopped organic baby beet greens or red romaine lettuce stirred in last minute

Put all ingredients in a large pot and simmer gently for 1 hour. After ½ hour, remove kombu, chop into ¼ inch pieces and return to the soup pot.

Soup #3

8 cups water

4 bay leaves

2 inch strip dried kombu

1 large organic onion finely chopped

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4 organic carrots finely chopped

1 cup sliced organic celery

1/2 cup sliced organic pea pods

1 28 oz can diced organic tomatoes, no salt

¹/₂ cup dried or 1 cup fresh, finely minced organic parsley

2 teaspoons fresh shredded basil

1/2 cup cooked organic cannellini or white kidney beans

Put all ingredients in a large pot and simmer gently for 1 hour. After ½ hour, remove kombu, chop into ¼ inch pieces and return to the soup pot.

Soup #4

10 cups water

4 bay leaves

2 inch strip dried kombu

2 cloves crushed garlic

1 large organic onion very finely chopped or blended with 2 cups of the water

6 cups very finely sliced organic kale

Optional: 1 can well rinsed organic cannellini or white kidney beans

Put all ingredients in a large pot and simmer gently for 1/2 hour. After 15 minutes, remove kombu, chop into 1/4 inch pieces and return to the soup pot.

Soup #5

8 cups water (substitute 4 cups with organic low sodium veggie or chicken stock)

4 bay leaves

1 large organic onion finely chopped

4 organic carrots finely chopped or shredded

1 cup sliced organic celery

1 package frozen chopped spinach

1/4 cup dried or 1/2 cup fresh, finely minced organic parsley

1 cup dried organic green lentils

Put all ingredients in a large pot and simmer gently for 1 hour. After ½ hour, remove kombu, chop into ¼ inch pieces and return to the soup pot.

Soup Garnishes

Thin sliced green onions, chives, lemon balm, fresh thyme, fresh oregano, grated ginger, pea sprouts, bean sprouts, shredded basil, etc. to taste.