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Serves 8

Blue - 5 Points

Purple - 2 Points

Green - 5 Points

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 pound lean stew meat, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup carrot, diced
- 1/3 cup onion, diced
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 3 Tbsp beef bouillon powder
- 8-10 cups water
- 1 large bay leaf
- 1 cup uncooked pearl barley
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1. Heat a heavy pot or dutch oven over medium heat. Add oil
- 2. Add beef, season with salt and brown meat on all sides
- 3. Once meat is brown, add carrots, celery, onion and garlic. Cook for 3-5 minutes, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pot
- 4. Add water and bouillon and bay leaf; bring to a boil

- 5. Once soup boils, reduce to a simmer and cover. Simmer about 2 hours
- 6. Add the barley, adjust salt and pepper
- 7. Simmer 35-40 minutes more. Remove bay leaf.
- 8. I like to measure or weigh out my soup and divide by 8. Each time I make it there is a slightly different amount due to evaporation of the water, depending on how fast or hard it boils.