

# Chicken and Pastina Soup

## Soup of the Month – January 2013



Chicken, vegetables and tiny pasta make an easy, hearty weeknight dinner.

**Prep Time:** 30 Min

**Start to Finish:** 45 Min

**Makes:** 10 servings (1 ½ cups each)

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 cartons (32 oz. each) reduced-sodium chicken broth (8 cups)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 medium carrot, diced (1/2 cup)
- 1 medium stalk celery, diced (1/2 cup)
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes (from 28-oz can)
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 dried bay leaf
- 1 1/2 cup uncooked acini di pepe pasta (12 oz) or any tiny, ring-shaped pasta
- 2 cups chopped lightly packed mustard greens, spinach, Swiss chard or other greens
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

### DIRECTIONS

1. In 12-inch skillet, place chicken and 1 carton of the broth. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover; simmer 20 minutes or until juice of chicken is clear when center of thickest part is cut (165°F).
2. Meanwhile, in 6-quart stockpot, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion, carrot and celery in oil 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender.
3. Drain chicken, reserving broth; set chicken aside. Strain broth; add to vegetables. Stir in remaining carton of broth, the tomatoes, salt, pepper and bay leaf. Heat to boiling. Stir in pasta; reduce heat. Cover; simmer 15 minutes.
4. Shred or cut chicken into bite-size pieces; add to soup. Add greens; cook and stir just until wilted. Remove bay leaf. Top each serving with cheese and a sprinkle of additional freshly ground pepper.

**Recipe Provides:** Grains 1oz-equivalents, Meat & Beans 2oz-equivalents, Vegetables 1/4c

### NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVING

<b>Serving Size:</b>	1 ½ cup	<b>Calories:</b>	250	<b>Calories from Fat:</b>	50
<b>Total Fat:</b>	6 g	<b>Saturated Fat:</b>	1 ½ g	<b>Cholesterol:</b>	60 mg
<b>Sodium:</b>	620 mg	<b>Total Carbohydrate:</b>	22 g	<b>Dietary Fiber:</b>	2 g
<b>Sugars:</b>	3 g	<b>Protein:</b>	28 g		



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