Soup mixes in a quart jar

All of these recipes make a large amount of soup. The mixes are designed to fill a quart jar or a quart-sized zip-top bag. For smaller sizes, divide the ingredients between 2-8 smaller-sized containers or zip-top bags. Print a label or hand-write the date packaged, along with the cooking instructions.

Chicken Noodle Soup Mix

2 Tbsp. dried minced onion

1/4 c. dried diced carrots, optional

2 Tbsp. chicken bouillon granules

2 tsp. celery flakes, or ½ tsp. celery seed

1 tsp. pepper

4 c. wide egg noodles

To this mix, add 10 cups water and 2 (5 oz.) cans chicken, undrained. Simmer uncovered until noodles are tender, about 10 minutes. Makes about 3 quarts.

Turkey Noodle Soup Mix

3 Tbsp. chicken bouillon granules

 $1/8 - \frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper

½ tsp. dried whole thyme

1/4 tsp. celery seed

1/4 tsp. garlic powder

1-2 bay leaves

1/3 c. dried diced carrot

1/4 c. dried minced onion

4 c. spiral pasta

Layer into a quart jar, starting with the bay leaf against the side. To cook it, add 12 cups water, 2 stalks of celery, diced, and 3 c. cooked cubed turkey. Simmer 15 minutes or until noodles and celery are tender. Makes about 4 quarts.

Wild Rice and Barley Soup Mix

1 c. barley

2/3 c. imitation bacon bits

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

2 tsp. dried basil

2 tsp. dried oregano

½ -1 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. celery flakes or 1/4 tsp. celery seed

½ c. beef bouillon granules

1 c. wild rice

1 c. dried minced onion

1/4 c. dried diced carrot, optional

Layer into a quart jar, tap jar gently to get everything to fit better.

To cook it, mix with 14 cups of water and 2 cans sliced mushrooms (optional). Simmer for one hour. Makes about $4 \frac{1}{2}$ quarts.

Calico Bean Soup Mix

2/3 c. yellow split peas

2/3 c. green split peas

½ c. dried lima beans

½ c. dried pinto beans

½ c. dry kidney beans

½ c. dried Great Northern beans

½ c. dried minced onion

½ c. dried cubed carrots

4 tsp. beef bouillon granules

½ tsp. ground cumin

½ tsp. garlic powder

Layer in a quart jar in the order given. Tap jar gently if needed to get it all to fit.

To cook it, add 16 cups water, bring to a boil then let it sit for 1 hour off-heat. Add in 4 stalks celery, diced, and 4 lbs. smoked ham hocks (or 1-2 lbs. cubed ham, plus a little bacon or salt pork if you have it). Simmer, covered, for 2 hours, until beans are all tender. Skim fat if needed, remove ham hocks, shred the meat, and return it to the pan. Makes about 6 quarts.

*Note- you can just use 3 1/3 c. mixed beans (bean soup mix), it just won't be as pretty in the jar.

Lentil Soup Mix

2/3 c. dried cubed carrots

1/3 c. dried minced onion

3 c. dried lentils

1 Tbsp. beef bouillon granules

1 tsp. dried thyme

1 tsp. garlic powder

Layer in order in a quart jar.

To cook it, add 9 cups of water and 4 stalks celery, diced. Simmer for 2 hours or until lentils are tender. Makes about 3 ½ quarts.

Curly Soup Mix

2 Tbsp. dried parsley

1/4 - 1/2 tsp. pepper

2 Tbsp. beef bouillon granules

1/3 c. dried minced onion

1 tsp. sugar

3 c. tri-colored rotini (spiral pasta)

Layer in order in a quart jar.

To cook it, add contents of jar to 8 cups boiling water and 1 (14 oz) can of tomatoes (or 2 8-oz. cans tomato sauce). Simmer uncovered until pasta is tender, about 10 minutes.

Minestrone Soup Mix

1/3 c. dried split peas

2/3 c. dry kidney beans

4 tsp. beef bouillon granules

2 tsp. dried basil

2 tsp. dried oregano

2 tsp. dried parsley

1 Tbsp. salt

½ -1 tsp. pepper

1/3 c. dried minced onion

2/3 c. dried cubed carrots

2 c. elbow macaroni, kept in a separate baggie

Layer in order.

To cook it, take out macaroni and set aside. Combine mix with 16 cups of water, then simmer for 1 ½ hours. Brown 2 lbs. sweet Italian sausage (remove casings) with 4 stalks of celery, chopped, then add 2 (28 oz) cans diced tomatoes. Add all of it to the soup. Bring to a boil, then add the macaroni and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Makes just over 6 quarts of soup.