

VEGGIE STEW & CHEESE DUMPLINGS

INGREDIENTS

1 teaspoon vegetable oil 2 medium onions – peeled and diced finely 2 carrots – peeled and sliced into 1.5cm chunks 2 sticks **celery** - sliced into 1.5cm chunks 2 leeks – cut into thick chunks 100g mushrooms – quartered 2 cloves garlic – chopped finely 1 large can butter beans (drained and washed) 1 can mushroom **soup** 100ml water ¹/₂ reduced salt vegetable **stock cube** 1 teaspoon mixed herbs black pepper

2 level teaspoons plain **flour** (mixed with water) 200g frozen broad beans or peas – defrosted

For the dumplings: 100g plain **flour** 1 teaspoon baking powder 50g **margarine** 50 reduced fat mature cheddar **cheese** – grated 1 teaspoon mixed herbs

EQUIPMENT

sharp knife, chopping board, vegetable peeler,3 litre slow cooker, teaspoon, dessertspoon,measuring jug, small bowl, mixing bowl, fork

SERVES: 4-6

PREP TIME 20 minutes **COOK TIME** 6 hours

ALLERGENS: celery, mustard, soya, cereals containing gluten, milk

METHOD

- **1** Heat the oil in the stick frying pan and add the onions, carrots and celery. Cook on a medium heat for 5-6 minutes until softened and then transfer to the slow cooker.
- 2 Add the add the garlic, beans, soup, water and herbs to the slow cooker.
- In a small bowl, mix the plain flour and water to make a runny paste (this will help to thicken the sauce). Pour into the slow cooker, mix everything together and cover. Then switch the slow cooker to LOW and cook for 4 hours
- To make the dumplings, place the flour and margarine in a mixing bowl and rub together with your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the grated cheese, herbs and 4 dessertspoons water and mix with a fork to make a soft, slightly sticky dough. Finally, divide into six even pieces and roll into balls.
- Add the peas to the slow cooker, mix with a spoon and turn the cooker to HIGH. Arrange the dumplings over the stew, then replace the lid and cooker for a further 2 hours until they are firm and doubled in size.
- Sprinkle the stew with some fresh or dried parsley, then serve with some steamed green





