Ham and Bean Soup A Freeze Dried Pantry Recipe

This recipe will make approximately 22 cups of soup



Ingredients

4 cups leftover ham cubed

1 ham bone

3 cups freeze dried fast beans Great

Northern or Navy beans

2 cups celery chopped

2 cups carrots chopped

3 cloves garlic finely minced

4 sprigs fresh thyme or 2 tsp dry

½ tsp fresh ground pepper

8-9 cups chicken stock or chicken broth

1 tbsp olive oil for sauteing vegetables Salt to taste

This is a freeze-dried pantry recipe using some already freeze-dried ingredients

Directions:

- 1. Heat oil in a large Dutch oven.
- 2. Add celery, carrots, onions, and garlic, and sauté until tender.
- 3. Stir in the chicken stock, ham bone, and ham.
- 4. Add the freeze-dried beans, parsley, thyme, and pepper.
- 5. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 15–20 minutes, until beans are rehydrated and flavors blend.
- 6. Chop any large pieces of ham before serving.
- 7. Near the end of cooking, remove about 1 cup of soup. Puree with an immersion blender and stir back into the pot for a creamier texture.

Rehydration:

Beans will rehydrate as they are cooked into the soup.

Notes:

One serving is about 2 ½ cups of soup, this recipe makes 8 servings of soup.