

Makes 10 cups Preparation Time: 40 minutes Ready In: 1 hour

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups 3/4-inch pieces onions

21/4 cups 3/4-inch pieces carrots

1 cup 3/4-inch pieces celery

4 cups ¾-inch pieces portobello mushrooms

6 cloves garlic, minced

6 cups ½-inch pieces peeled round white potatoes

 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup no-salt-added tomato paste

1 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning

1 tablespoon paprika

2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups frozen peas

½ cup chopped fresh parsley

Best-Ever Beefless Stew

Tuck into this cozy meal whenever you're in need of a little TLC. Portobello mushrooms add rich flavor and meaty texture to this chunky classic-style stew, while a medley of fresh veggies soaks up the herbaceous broth. Fresh rosemary and parsley deliver a beautiful depth of flavor that develops over time, so don't be afraid to freeze your leftovers for a rainy day!

Tip: Fresh rosemary is wonderful in this stew, but if you only have dried, use ½ teaspoon.

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- 1 In a Dutch oven cook onions, carrots, and celery with 1 tablespoon water over medium-high 8 minutes, stirring frequently and adding water, 1 to 2 tablespoons at a time, as needed to prevent sticking. Stir in mushrooms and garlic. Cook 5 minutes more, stirring frequently and adding water as needed.
- 2 Stir in potatoes, tomato paste, Italian seasoning, and paprika. Add 5 cups of water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat to mediumlow. Stir in rosemary. Cook, covered, 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in peas; cook, covered, 5 minutes more or until carrots and potatoes are tender.
- 3 Transfer 2 cups of the mixture to a blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Return to Dutch oven. Stir in parsley.