

## Carrot, Wakame, and Kale Stew

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This winter stew is a great way to sneak sea vegetables into a recipe; the wakame gets mixed up in the kale, so picky eaters won't even know it's there. After soaking the wakame, taste a small piece; if it seems too salty, repeat the soaking process a second time.



## **Ingredient List**

Serves 6

1/4 cup wakame

1 Tbs. olive oil

1 small yellow onion, diced (1/2 cup)

2 small carrots, diced (1/2 cup)

1 celery rib, diced (1/4 cup)

1 15-oz. can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

1 1/2 cups frozen baby lima beans, thawed

6 cups low-sodium vegetable broth

1 bunch kale (12 oz.), trimmed and chopped (6 cups)

1/4 tsp. dried oregano

1/8-1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

## **Directions**

- 1. Place wakame in small bowl, cover with cold water, and soak 15 minutes, or until soft. Drain, squeeze out liquid, and set aside.
- 2. Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery, and sauté 3 to 5 minutes, or until tender. Add cannellini beans, lima beans, and broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer, covered, 10 minutes.
- 3. Transfer half of soup to food processor, and purée until smooth. Stir mixture into remaining soup in pot, and add kale. Cook 5 minutes more, or until kale is tender. Stir in oregano, nutmeg, cayenne, and drained wakame.

## **Nutritional Information**

Per 1-cup serving: Calories: 177, Protein: 8g, Total fat: 3g, Saturated fat: <1g, Carbs: 30g, Cholesterol: mg, Sodium: 452mg, Fiber: 9g, Sugars: 5g

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