# **Bortsch**



Embark on a culinary journey to Eastern Europe with our heartwarming borscht recipe, a traditional beet soup that's as nutritious as it is vibrant. This time-honored dish boasts a rich tapestry of flavors, melding the earthy sweetness of beets with a medley of fresh vegetables and aromatic herbs. Perfect for any season, borscht is a versatile soup that can be enjoyed hot to warm those chilly evenings or chilled for a refreshing summer meal. Our version is packed with nutrients, making it a wholesome addition to your recipe roster.

Preparation 30 min
Cooking 40 min
Servings 10
Nutrition Facts (per serving)
Calories 200
Fat 6
Carbohydrates 29
Fibre 6
Protein 7
Sodium 720

## **Ingredients**

#### For Borscht:

• 8 small beets (or 2 x 398 ml Ready Beets packages), peeled, cooked, grated

- 3 medium potatoes, cubed
- 2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced into rounds
- 60 ml (¼ cup) olive oil, divided
- 20 g (4 tsp) low-sodium powdered chicken broth mix

### For Zazharka (Mirepoix):

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 60 ml (¼ cup) ketchup

#### **Additional Flavorings:**

- 1 can (540 ml) white cannellini beans, rinsed
- 60 ml (¼ cup) white vinegar, or to taste
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped dill
- 2-3 large garlic clove, pressed
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt, or to taste
- 1.2 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper, freshly ground
- 2 bay leaves

#### For serving:

• 200 g (1 cup) plain Greek yogourt, 0%

### **Preparation**

- 1. In a large pot, boil 2.5 L (10 cups) of water.
- 2. Once the water is boiling, add the grated beets, potatoes, carrots, half the oil, and the bouillon powder. Cook on medium heat for 10-15 minutes or until the potatoes are soft.
- 3. In the meantime, add the rest of the oil to a pan, and sauté the onion and celery on medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes. Add the ketchup and cook for an additional 30-60 seconds.
- 4. Once cooked add the onion and celery mix to the pot of soup, then add the additional flavorings to the pot to taste, and cook for an additional 2-3 minutes.
- 5. To serve, top with a dollop of Greek yogourt, and more dill as desired.

#### **Notes**

Can be refrigerated 2-3 days, can be frozen up to 3 months.



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