

Pea and Mint Soup

This soup is quick to prepare and can be made with fresh or frozen peas.





Celery, egg, milk and wheat (gluten)*

Equipment

Ingredients

Serves 4 as a main course or 6 as a taster

750ml boiling water

1 reduced-salt vegetable stock cube

 $2 \ge 15$ ml spoons fresh mint OR $1 \ge 5$ ml spoon dried mint

500g fresh shelled OR frozen peas

Ground black pepper (optional)

Reduced-fat creme fraiche OR low-fat natural yoghurt (optional)

*Presence of allergens can vary by brand – always check product labels. If you serve food outside the home you must make allergen information available when asked. Nutritional information per portion (327g):



of an adult's reference intake. Typical values per 100g: energy 138kJ/33kcal.



Top Tips

- If you are using a blender never fill the blender more than half full and always cover the lid with a thick tea towel and hold the lid down when blending.
- If using a handheld blender always cool the soup before blending and make sure the blade is submerged into the liquid to avoid splattering.
- · You don't need to defrost the peas if using frozen peas.



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Weighing scales Kettle Measuring jug Knife or scissors Chopping board or a cup Measuring spoons Large saucepan Wooden spoon Pan stand Blender Tea towel Tasting spoon Spoon

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Method

- 1. Measure 750ml of boiling water into the measuring jug. Crumble in the stock cube and stir until dissolved.
- 2. Wash the fresh mint and chop finely.
- 3. Put the peas in the saucepan and add the stock.
- 4. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat, stir and simmer for 3 minutes.
- 5. Take off the heat and add the mint.
- 6. Carefully blend the soup until smooth.
- 7. Add black pepper to taste (if using).
- 8. Serve with 5ml spoon of reduced-fat crème fraîche or low-fat natural yoghurt (optional).

Something to try next time

- Crumble 1 x grilled bacon rasher or 5g of grated cheese on top of your soup for extra taste.
- For a meaty version swap the vegetable stock cube for a ham stock cube and add in approximately 200g of ham.

Prepare now, eat later

- If you are using fresh peas you can shell them the day before but store the peas in the fridge in a sealed bag to avoid the loss of nutrients.
- Pea soup will freeze for up to 1 month. Cool quickly before pouring into a large freezer bag inside a plastic container. Once frozen, the bag can be removed from the box and stored in the freezer. Defrost thoroughly in the fridge before reheating until bubbling hot.



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