## Crock Pot Split Pea Soup (Vegetarian)



This classic soup is a smoky vegetarian delight on a cold winter's night.

I don't usually put specific tags in the titles of my posts, but I think it's really important on this one. It should really say... Crock Pot Split Pea Soup #noham but still #tastesyummy! Haha. I made those up. So this soup is hearty and delicious and still has a great smoky flavor, but doesn't include the typical ham hock that you throw into the pot to add flavor to the broth.

This soup will also freeze and/or reheat really well. Keep this recipe tagged if you are going to bring a dinner to friends (great meal for someone ill, new baby, new home, etc.). Note to self— you might think, oh I'll just double it so I have some for me and some for someone else or later. But you are better off making two batches. You can't really fit 8 cups of broth in most crock pots and the ratio in this recipe makes it the right thickness without crowding the pot. YES-

this does give you permission to buy a  $\underline{\mathsf{new}}\ \mathsf{crock}\ \mathsf{pot}$  so you can double the batch easier!  $\square$ 

Crock Pot Split Pea Soup

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 5-6 hours on low

Serves: 6

## **INGREDIENTS**

1 c. dried split green peas

2 carrots, peeled and diced (about 1/2 cup)

4 parsnips, peeled and diced (about 1 cup)

2 leafy stalks celery, diced (about a cup)

1/2 sweet onion, diced

3 cloves garlic, smashed

4 c. vegetable broth

1/2 t. each: dill weed, ground celery seed, smoked paprika

1 t. dried parsley

2 bay leaves

1/4 t. salt

1/8 t. ground white pepper

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Put all ingredients in crock pot.
- 2. Cook on high for 5-6 hours.
- 3. Remove bay leaves.
- 4. Use an immersion blender to puree, if desired.

5. Turn off crock pot and remove lid. Let cool and thicken in pot.