

COOKING FOR WELLNESS





BAKED VEGETABLE SOUP

Yields: 8 Servings

INGREDIENTS

5 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 lb Yukon Gold potatoes, halved and sliced $\ensuremath{\mathcal{V}}_4$ inch thick

11/2 tsp salt, divided

2 medium zucchini, halved and sliced $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick 2 medium leeks, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced

4 medium stalks celery, thinly sliced 10 oz cremini (baby bella) mushrooms, quartered 4 cups frozen artichoke hearts (two 9-ounce boxes), thawed, or 10 fresh artichoke hearts, quartered

 $\ensuremath{\%}$ cup chopped fresh parsley, plus more for garnish 1 (15 oz) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, with their juice

1 (2 inch) piece Parmesan cheese rind, plus finely shredded Parmesan for garnish

6 cups water

½ tsp ground pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Pour oil into a large oven proof pot (about 6-quart) and arrange potato slices in an even layer over the oil. Sprinkle with ³/₄ teaspoon salt. Layer in zucchini, leeks, celery, mushrooms, artichoke hearts and ¹/₄ cup parsley; sprinkle with the remaining ³/₄ teaspoon salt. Pour tomatoes over the vegetables and nestle Parmesan rind into them. Add water (the vegetables will not be completely submerged), cover and bring to a boil over high heat.
- 3. Once boiling, transfer the pot to the oven and bake, covered, until the vegetables are tender, but still firm, 1 to 1¼ hours. Season with pepper and serve garnished with parsley and Parmesan, if desired.