

Vegetable potage was a cheap meal for poor Tudors. Vegetables were more readily available than meat with many people growing their own. It was similar to a thick soup or broth.

This recipe uses a small chopping knife, hot water and the hob. Ask an adult to help you make this food.

Ingredients

- 1 onion
- 1 parsnip
- 1 large leek
- 1 carrot
- 25g butter
- 50g porridge oats
- 700ml vegetable stock
- 1 bag of spinach
- ½ teaspoon thyme and rosemary
- salt and pepper

Method

- 1. Wash your hands thoroughly.
- 2. Peel and chop the onion.
- Cut the top and bottom off the leek and peel off the outer layers.
- Roughly chop the leek and put it in a sieve. Rinse the leek in cold water.
- Cut the top and bottom off the parsnip and carrot, peel them both and roughly chop them up.
- 6. Chop the spinach.
- 7. Put a large cooking pot or pan on the hob at a medium heat.
- 8. Add the butter and allow it to melt.
- Add the onions and allow them to soften. Then, add the leek and parsnip. Let the vegetables soften for a few minutes while stirring every now and then.
- 10. Pour in the vegetable stock and stir.
- 11. Add the spinach.
- Cook the potage until the vegetables are soft. Then, add the porridge oats.
- Stir well and season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Add the herbs and leave to simmer for 5-10 minutes.
- 14. Serve with crusty bread.