

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 bunch swiss chard, remove stems & roughly chop both stems and leaves (keep separate)
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 3-4 carrots, chopped
- 5 cups water or vegetable broth (or mix of both)
- 1 (15oz) can of crushed/diced tomatoes
- 1 ½ cup lentils
- 1 tsp fresh (or dried) thyme leaves
- Salt & Pepper, to taste (be mindful if vegetable broth is salted)
- (Optional) juice from ½ lemon

INSTAPOT INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Press sauté and add the oil
- 2. Add onions and cook for 3-5 minutes
- 3. Add garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes
- 4. Add celery, chard stems, and carrots and saute for 3-5 minutes
- 5. Add water/broth, tomatoes, lentils, salt, pepper and thyme
- 6. Put on lid and make sure vent is in the sealed position
- 7. Hit the soup button and adjust time to 10 minutes (after a few seconds the display will say "on" and there will be 3 beeps)
- 8. The soup should be ready in approximately 1 hour (the instapot will heat up and let the pressure build, then cook for 10 minutes, then cool down until the float value drops)
- 9. Open the lid, add the chard leaves and lemon juice, enjoy!

STOVETOP INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Use a large soup pot on the stove and follow the above instructions 1-5. Place a lid on the pot while it is cooking.
- 2. Let simmer on med/low until the lentils are cooked (about 30 minutes)
- 3. Once lentils are cooked, turn off heat and add the chard leaves and lemon juice
- 4. Stir and let sit for a few minutes. Enjoy!