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## Italian Wedding Soup



Ingredients: 6 servings, 1.5 cups each

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided

1 ⅓ cups chopped yellow onion

<sup>2</sup>⁄<sub>3</sub> cup chopped carrot

3/3 cup chopped celery

2 tablespoons minced garlic

6 cups unsalted chicken broth

6 oz. of orzo or other favorite pasta (for gluten free, use 6 oz. of broken up angel hair or spaghetti pasta)

1 ½ tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 1 tsp dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

4 cups baby spinach

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Add in 24 small cooked chicken meatballs (see Chicken Meatballs recipe)

## **Directions**

- 1. Heat 2 tablespoon oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot, celery and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, 4 to 5 minutes.
- 2. Add broth, cover and bring to a boil. Add orzo or broken up pasta, oregano and salt; cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the pasta is just tender, about 9 -11 minutes.
- 3. Stir in meatballs and spinach; cook until the meatballs are heated through and the spinach is wilted, 2 to 4 minutes.
- 4. Serve sprinkled with parmesan cheese.

Nutrition Facts Serving Size: 1 Serving		
Amount Per Serving	J	% Daily Value*
Calories	208.4 kcal	10 %
Total Fat	7.1 g	11 %
Saturated Fat	1.6 g	8 %
Trans Fat	0.1 g	
Cholesterol	8.6 mg	3 %
Sodium	1143.5 mg	48 %
Total Carbohydrate	30.6 g	10 %
Dietary Fiber	2.4 g	10 %
Sugars	3.9 g	
Protein	6.8 g	14 %
Vitamin A 1	5 % • Vitamin C	18 %
Calcium	9 % • Iron	7 %
* Percent Daily Values are daily values may be highe needs.		