

Friendship Soup

Directions for gift:

- 1 pound ground beef
- black pepper to taste
- garlic powder to taste
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 3 quarts water

Remove pasta from top of jar, and set aside.

In a large pot over medium heat, brown beef with pepper and garlic; drain excess fat. Add diced tomatoes, tomato paste, water and soup mix. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 45 minutes. Stir in pasta, cover, and simmer an additional 15 to 20 minutes, or until the pasta, peas, lentils and barley are tender.
