

Mexican Bean Soup

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Call this my paper crafting soup! Whenever I have major deadlines, I pull out the crock pot and make this yummy soup. This soup is based on a bunch of different recipes that I played around with until I came up with this version. One of my favorite things about this recipe is that it takes less than 5 minutes to make.

INGREDIENTS

1 can (15 oz.) pinto beans
1 can (15 oz.) kidney beans
1 can (15 oz.) navy beans
1 can (15 oz.) corn
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 can (15 oz.) Ro-tel or tomatoes with green chilis added
1 packet taco seasoning
½ packet dry ranch salad dressing
½ c. water

DIRECTIONS Place all ingredients in slow cooker; stir together. *Note: Do not drain canned items, include the liquid in the soup.* Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Serve with grated cheese, sour cream, and tortilla chips.





Dinner in a Basket

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CAN WRAPS 1 Cover can in cardstock. 2 Cut strip of patterned paper slightly smaller than can. Adhere. 3 Affix stickers on tag to spell can contents. 4 Thread jute through tag and wrap around can; tie. 5 Attach brad to felt flower. Adhere. 6 Repeat steps to make additional can wraps.

RECIPE CARD 1 Print soup recipe on cardstock. Trim and double mat with patterned paper and cardstock. 2 Punch hole in card. Attach flower to card with brad.



SUPPLIES: Cardstock: (Aztec) Bazzill Basics Paper; (cream) Patterned paper: (Blue Swirls, Brown Pixies, Décor Stripe from Wild Saffron collection) K&Company Accents: (aqua, copper glitter brads) Making Memories; (red, green, gold tags) Creative Café; (blue, orange, brown felt flowers) American Crafts Stickers: (Pure Type alphabet) Mustard Moon Fibers: (jute) Font: (Old Type) www.twopeasinabucket.com Other: (basket, cans of soup, can of chilis) **Finished sizes:** large can wrap 10" x 4 1/4", small can wrap 9" x 2 3/4", recipe card 4 1/2" x 3 1/2"