Slow Cooker Chicken and White Bean Soup

Ingredients

3 cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

6 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 sweet onion, chopped

2 carrots, peeled and chopped

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, or 4-5 sprigs of thyme

1 Parmesan cheese rind (found in the cheese department)

1 ½ pounds chicken breast

4 cups chopped kale

1 14.5-ounce can chopped tomatoes with juice (do not drain)

2 tablespoons vinegar or the juice of 1 lemon

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

Nutrition Facts Serving size: 2 cups					
Servings: 8					
Amount per serving Calories	330				
	% Daily Value*				
Total Fat 7.3g	9%				
Saturated Fat 2g	10%				
Cholesterol 76mg	25%				
Sodium 718mg	31%				
Total Carbohydrate 29.7g	11%				
Dietary Fiber 9.3g	33%				
Total Sugars 5.3g					
Protein 35.2g					

For serving:

hot sauce fresh grated Parmesan cheese

Instructions

- 1. Combine the beans, chicken broth, onion, carrots, thyme and Parmesan rind in a 6-quart slow-cooker. Place the chicken breasts on top of the vegetables and push lightly to submerge. Cover and cook on LOW until the beans and vegetables are tender, 7 to 8 hours.
- 2. Remove the chicken breasts to a cutting board. Allow the chicken to stand until cool enough to handle, about 10 minutes. Shred the chicken.
- 3. Add the chicken back to the slow cooker and stir in the kale. Turn the slow-cooker up to high and cool until the kale is tender, about 30 minutes. Remove the Parmesan rind and discard.
- 4. Add the can of tomatoes, with juice, vinegar, salt and pepper and stir gently to combine. Heat for 5-10 minutes on HIGH or until warmed through. Serve the soup drizzled with hot sauce, or fresh grated Parmesan.