# **How to Use Kidney Beans**

#### **Minestrone**

Combine drained kidney beans, tomatoes, and pasta into a hearty soup, perfect for any time of the year.

#### Meat extender

Mix beans with ground beef to extend the hearty, meaty flavor of your dish without compromising taste.

### **Baked potato**

Top baked potato with drained kidney beans, cottage cheese, and spinach.

#### Side salad

Toss drained kidney beans with diced onion, chopped cilantro, and lemon juice.





# **Taco Soup**



# **Ingredients**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 (16 oz.) can kidney beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can chili beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can corn
- 1 (16 oz.) can black beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can Mexican-style tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz.) can Mexican tomato sauce (or regular)
- 1 package or 1 Tablespoon Taco seasoning mix
- 1 package or 1 Tablespoon ranch dressing mix

## Directions

Brown meat and onions in pan, drain off any fat, and put in slow cooker. Dump in the rest of the ingredients-do not drain. Cook on low for 3-4 hours or on high for 2-3 hours. You can add water if you don't like it as thick. Top with shredded cheese, sour cream, tortilla chips, and green onions as desired.

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