Creamy Rosemary Wild Rice Soup

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Servings: 6

Start to Finish Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

1 tablespoon olive oil

8 ounces boneless/ skinless chicken breast, cubed

1 medium yellow onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 stalks celery, diced

1 large carrot, peeled and diced

1 large parsnip, peeled and diced

3 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced

1 quart (4 cups) low-sodium chicken broth

1/2 cup wild rice

2 tablespoons instant flour (such as Wondra)

2 cups fat-free half-and-half

salt (to taste)

ground black pepper (to taste)

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the cubed chicken breast and sear until browned, 4 to 5 minutes. The meat does not need to be cooked through.

Add the onion, garlic, celery, carrot and parsnip. Cook until browned, about another 3 to 4 minutes.

Add the rosemary, chicken broth and wild rice.

Bring to a simmer and cover. Cook for 45 minutes or until the rice is tender.

Add the instant flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes or until thickened.

Add the half-and-half and heat but do not boil (the half-and-half would separate).

Season with salt and pepper.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 119 Calories; 3g Fat (21.2% calories from fat); 5g Protein; 21g Carbohydrate; 4g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 30mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain(Starch); 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1/2 Fat.