## Create A Casserole (Contemporary Strata)

Better Homes and Gardens All-Time Favorite Casseroles

Servings: 6
BREAD SUGGESTIONS
white bread
whole wheat bread
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MEAT SUGGESTIONS
beef
pork
ham
chicken or turkey
tuna (9 1/4 ounce can)

SOUP SUGGESTIONS
cream of celery
cream of mushroom
cream of chicken
Cheddar cheese

## SEASONING SUGGESTIONS

$1 / 4$ teaspoon dried thyme, crushed (with beef)
1/4 teaspoon caraway seed (with ham)
1/2 teaspoon dried sage, crushed (with chicken or turkey)

5 cups (about 7 slices) cubed day-old bread
2 cups finely chopped or ground cooked meat
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons onion, very finely chopped
4 eggs
1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed soup
1 1/4 cups milk
1/2 cup mayonnaise
seasoning (optional)
dash cayenne
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Place 2 cups of the bread cubes in an $8 \times 8 \times 2$-inch baking dish. Combine meat, green pepper and onion; sprinkle over bread in dish. Top with another 2 cups bread cubes.
Beat eggs; combine with soup, milk, mayonnaise, seasoning and cayenne. Pour venly over ingredients in baking dish. Cover and chill for 1 to 3 hours.
Toss remaining 1 cup bread cubes with melted butter; sprinkle on top of mixture. Bake, uncovered, until knife inserted just off-center comes out clean, about 50-60 minutes.
Let stand 5 minutes before serving, Sprinkle with snipped parsley, if desired.

