# Jalapeño Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Traditional broccoli-cheddar soup is comfort food in a bowl. We've taken it up a notch by giving it a spicy kick that adds a contrast to the cheesy creaminess that we love. Served with a grilled roll, it's a cozy dinner that's on the table in a flash.

<u>Getting Organized</u> EQUIPMENT Large Saucepan (with a cover) Large skillet FROM YOUR PANTRY Olive Oil Salt & Pepper ½ Tbsp butter 2 teaspoons flour

# 5 MEEZ CONTAINERS French Roll Broccoli Cream Bell Peppers & Onions Cheese

Good to Know

This dish is already relatively low in carbs at 40g per serving, but you can **trim the carbs to 21g** per serving by skipping the bread.

**Health snapshot per serving** – 710 Calories, 26g Protein, 50g Fat, 40g carbs, 25 Freestyle Points.

**Lightened up Health snapshot per serving -** 600 Calories, 21g Carbs, 49g Fat, 23 Freestyle Points by skipping the bread.

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

INGREDIENTS: Broccoli, Bell Peppers, Onions, Jalapeño, Half-and-Half, Cream Hot Pepper Loaf Cheese, White Cheddar, Vegetable Stock, White Peppers.



**20** Minutes to the Table

**20** Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

Instructions for two servings. Meez Meals \* 1459 N. Elmwood Avenue \* Evanston \* Illinois

## 1. Cook the Vegetables

Heat 2 Tbsp of olive oil in a large saucepan over medium high heat. When the oil is hot, add the **Broccoli** and pinch of salt and pepper. Sauté until the edges start to brown, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add the **Bell Peppers & Onions** and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions start to soften, about 2 to 3 additional minutes.

Add ½ Tbsp butter to the saucepan. When it melts, add 2 teaspoons of flour and stir until the vegetables are coated in the flour/butter combination. Cook until the flour turns light brown, about 2 minutes.

#### 2. Create the Soup

Turn the heat to high and add 2/3 of a cup of water and the **Cream**. Scrape the bottom of the pan to make sure you get all the tasty bits mixed in.

Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium low. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat. Add the **Cheese** and stir until it melts.

## 3. Grill the Bread

While the soup is simmering, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Cut the **French Rolls** in half and drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper on each side. Once the skillet is hot, add the rolls, cut side down. Cook until they start to brown, about a minute.

## 4. Put It All Together

Ladle the soup into serving bowls and serve alongside the grilled rolls. Enjoy!

If you have a toaster oven, you can also use that to toast the bread. It's simpler but doesn't have quite the same magic as grilling.