## **BORSCHT VEGETARIAN**



On a dark and blustery night (unfortunately, there are many in *My Grandfather's Trunk*), Esther needs to cook something cheap, hot, and hearty: borscht!

## **INGREDIENTS**

2 T olive oil 1 T oil

1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 medium carrots, peeled and shredded

1 ripe medium tomato, diced

1 small bell pepper, thinly sliced

2 medium red beets, peeled and cut into matchsticks

4 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 ½ inch cubes

2 dried bay leaves

1 small green cabbage, shredded

2 cloves garlic, minced

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. chopped dill and parsley Salt and pepper to taste Sour cream for serving

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. In a medium pot, heat the oil.
- 2. Add onion and carrots. Sauté until the veggies are soft, for about 7-9 minutes.
  - 3. Add water or vegetable stock (12-14 cups).
- 4. Add the beets, potatoes, and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Add salt. Lower heat to medium-low and cook for another 15 minutes. Simmer not boil.
- 5. Add shredded cabbage. Cook another 15 minutes. Add garlic, dill Cook for 2 more minutes.

Serve hot with a dollop of sour cream if you like.

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