

Polish Red Beet Soup (Barszcz Czerwony)

INGREDIENTS

4 whole beets (or 2 cups sliced canned or jarred beets)

4 cups stock (chicken, beef, or vegetable)

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon sugar

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (or 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar)

Black pepper, to taste

Salt, to taste

Meat-filled dumplings, optional

Chopped fresh dill, optional



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DIRECTIONS

- 1. Gather the ingredients.
- 2. If using fresh beets, heat the oven to 400 F. Wrap beets in aluminum foil and roast until tender, about 30 to 45 minutes.
- 3. When cool enough to handle, peel, and slice into strips or julienne.
- 4. In a medium pot, bring meat or vegetable stock to a boil. Add sliced beets, garlic, sugar, lemon juice, and pepper and salt. Simmer 10 minutes.
- 5. Serve hot with optional meat-filled dumplings and garnish with chopped dill.

