Hearty Bean Soup Mix

Ingredients:
1/4 cup beef bouillon granules
1/2 cup green split peas
1/4 cup pearled barley
1/4 cup dry lentils
1/3 cup red kidney beans

¼ cup dried onion flakes
2 tsp. Dried Italian seasoning
¼ cup uncooked long-grain white rice
2 bay leaves
½ cup uncooked small, dry pasta

DIRECTIONS:
In a standard Mason jar, layer the bouillon, split peas, pearled barley, lentils, kidney beans, onion flakes, Italian seasoning, rice, bay leaves and pasta. Seal tightly.

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To make the soup:

Ingredients
1 pound ground beef or chuck roast, cubed
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (14.5 ounce) can tomato sauce
2 1/2 quarts water
1 batch dry soup mix

Directions
Pat dry the ground beef or chopped chuck roast, then coat with salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add beef and cook until no longer pink, 5-6 minutes. Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, water and soup mix. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 1 hour, or until the pasta, peas, lentils, beans and barley are tender.

Enjoy