

Chicken Gnocchi Soup

Olive Garden Style

2 Tbsp olive oil
1 cup chopped carrots
1 medium onion, chopped (1 cup)
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
1 quart chicken broth
1 1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp Italian seasoning
1 tsp thyme
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1 (16 oz) package gnocchi (I like the mini-size)
1 cup fresh chopped spinach
1 1/2 cups half & half
1/2 cup heavy cream
3 - 4 chicken breast, cooked and chopped

Heat oil in large pot over medium heat. Add carrots, onion, celery, minced garlic and cook 8 - 10 minutes stirring frequently.

Add garlic powder, Italian seasoning, thyme, salt, and pepper; stir well.

Add broth and bring to a boil. Stir in gnocchi and cook 4 minutes for regular size and 2 minutes for mini gnocchi.

Add spinach, half & half, cream, and chicken; stir gently; simmer 10 minutes.