Cream of Broccoli Soup (hold the cream)

This soup has more broccoli in it than any other soup recipe we've come across- 20 cups! That's a lot of green. It makes enough to last a week or more, and is great for rainy days.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, diced
- 6-8 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 potatoes, chopped
- 6 heads of broccoli (about 20 cups), roughly chopped
- 1 32oz. container low sodium vegetable broth
- 2 cups non-dairy milk (rice, almond, hemp, etc.)
- 10 cups water
- ¼ cup arrowroot (or 5 T cornstarch), mixed and dissolved in ¼ cup cold water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Nutmeg or cumin to taste
- Optional: cooked brown rice or potatoes, diced and boiled, for serving

Instructions:

- 1. Saute the onions and garlic in any liquid (water, veg broth, etc.) in an 8 quart pot over medium heat for about 3 minutes.
- 2. Add broccoli and potatoes. They should take up almost the entire pot.
- 3. Stir in the vegetable broth, non-dairy milk, and water. The liquid should cover the vegetables. If it does not, add more water.
- 4. Add the salt, pepper, and nutmeg or cumin, if using.
- 5. Cover the pot, increase the heat to high, bring to a boil, and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until the broccoli is very tender.
- 6. Blend with a hand blender (immersion blender) if you have one, or transfer the mixture to a regular blender a little at a time.
- 7. Return the soup to pot, and turn the heat to medium high. When the soup begins to simmer, add the arrowroot mixture.
- 8. Serve the soup as is, or pour it over brown rice or potatoes.

