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Soup has always been at the heart of Italian home cooking – simple ingredients, slow simmering, and deep, comforting flavor. Whether you're craving a light brothy soup or something rich and hearty, this **Italian soup collection** brings together my most-loved recipes, many inspired by dishes I cooked in my restaurants and made at home for my family.

This guide features **10 Italian and Italian-inspired soup recipes**, perfect for weeknight dinners, holidays, and cozy weekends. Bookmark this post – it's your go-to soup resource all year long.

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## □ Brothy & Light Italian Soups

*Simple, nourishing, and perfect when you want something lighter.*

### 1. Italian Wedding Soup



Tender meatballs, leafy greens, and delicate pasta simmered in rich chicken broth – a true Italian classic.

-□ *Get the recipe:* **Italian Wedding Soup**

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### 2. Tortellini in Brodo



A Northern Italian favorite featuring cheese-filled tortellini served in hot, savory broth.

- [Get the recipe: Tortellini in Brodo](#)

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## ☐ Hearty & Rustic Soups

*These soups eat like a full meal – filling, cozy, and deeply satisfying.*

### 3. Pasta e Fagioli



A rustic, comforting soup made with beans, pasta, and a flavorful tomato base – just like Nonna used to make.

- [Get the recipe: Authentic Italian Pasta e Fagioli](#)

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### 4. Sausage & Lentil Soup



Traditionally served on New Year's Eve for good luck, this hearty soup is rich, savory, and deeply comforting.

-> *Get the recipe:* **Sausage and Lentil Soup**

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## 5. Escarole & Beans with Italian Sausage



A classic Italian-American soup that's simple, nourishing, and packed with bold flavor.

-> *Get the recipe:* **Italian Escarole and Beans**

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## ☐ Creamy & Comforting Soups

*Rich, velvety soups that feel like a warm hug.*

### 6. Creamy Sausage Tortellini Soup



A fan favorite – cheesy tortellini, Italian sausage, and a creamy broth that comes together quickly.

-☐ *Get the recipe:* **Creamy Sausage Tortellini Soup**

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### 7. Potato Leek Soup with Pancetta



A restaurant-style classic – silky smooth with crispy pancetta for added depth and flavor.

-> *Get the recipe:* **Potato Leek Soup with Pancetta**

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## 8. Vegetarian Mushroom Soup (Italian Style)



Earthy mushrooms, herbs, and a rich broth make this vegetarian soup incredibly satisfying.

-> *Get the recipe:* **Italian Mushroom Soup**

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## ☐ **Holiday & Special Occasion Soups**

*Perfect for celebrations, traditions, and family gatherings.*

### **9. Italian Holiday Chicken Soup**



· · A comforting soup often served during holidays – light, flavorful, and deeply nostalgic.

-☐ *Get the recipe:* **Italian Holiday Chicken Soup**

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### **10. Creamy Italian Bean and Parmesan soup**



A hearty, old-fashioned soup that was always a staple in my restaurants – filling, budget-friendly, and perfect for leftovers.

→ *Get the recipe:* creamy Italian Bean and Parmesan soup

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## □ **Good to Know**

- Most of these soups **freeze beautifully**
  - Brothy soups are perfect for **make-ahead meals**
  - Many recipes can be adapted for **vegetarian or gluten-free diets**
  - Homemade broth adds the best flavor, but quality store-bought works well too
  - A heavy-bottomed 8–12 quart stainless steel stockpot is ideal for making soup because it heats evenly, prevents scorching, and gives you plenty of room for simmering brothy and hearty soups alike.
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## □ **What to Serve with Italian Soup**

- Crusty Italian bread
- Garlic bread or focaccia
- Simple green salad
- Grated Parmigiano Reggiano