



Dr. Brock started out as a small seed planted on a cold winter's day in Healthyville. Not long after planting, a tiny meteorite from Comet Cruciferous created a hole in the garden and Dr. Brock's seed fell into the hole. Broccoll is from the cruciferous

family of vegetables and the combination was strong. Even though the ground was cold and hard that day Dr. Brock bloomed into a powerful superhero. Dr. Brock found that her blooming green canopy was a powerful shield composed of vitamins like B6. The vitamin helps produce neurotransmitters which help nerve cells communicate and brains develop. Before spring came she grew an

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GROW IT AT HOME!

Ask your parents if you can grow broccoli in your garden at home. It is great eaten raw or along with a tasty dip like hummus. A lot of people like it as a side dish when it has been roasted in the oven with a little olive oil and garlic.

ARCH ENEMY Picky Eater

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: What is a superhero's favorite part of the joke?

A: The "punch" line!

FULL FACTS

- Did you know that the average American eats 4½ pounds of broccoll each year?
 - · Broccoli is also a cole crop, like cabbage. I guess that is why Professor Green and I get along so well.

BROCCOLI AND POTATO SOUP

Ingredients:

1 T. Olive oil

1 Small onion, chopped

4 cups Low-sodium vegetable broth

1 cup Potatoes, peeled and diced

4 cups Broccoli, chopped

1 cup Nonfat milk

Salt and pepper to taste

14 cup Shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions:

- 1. Sauté the chopped onions with olive oil in a large sauce pan until soft.
- 2. Add the potatoes and broth to the pan.
- 3. Bring to a boil.
- 4. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes.
- Add the chopped broccoli and continue to cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
- 6. Add the milk to the soup.
- 7. Cook, stirring constantly, until the soup thickens.
- 8. Season with salt and pepper.
- Ladle into serving bowls.
- Sprinkle with cheddar cheese.
- 11. Enjoy with a piece of crusty bread and a salad!

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