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Cassoulet, the French Take on Pork and Beans, Only so Much Better!

Cassoulet is a classic French dish of either duck or goose confit, sausages, and beans. It's a great example of a simple dish, riffs on pork and beans taken to another level. The Accidental Locavore recently got an offer from [D'Artagnan](#) for 20% off their cassoulet kit. Since my parents were supposed to be coming for the weekend, it looked like a good weekend cooking project, not to mention a terrific January dinner, so why not? In between snow storms, a huge, really huge, box arrived from D'Artagnan. In it, beautifully packaged, was everything you need to put together a cassoulet dinner.

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Cook-Along Recipe for an Easy Vegetable Side Dish: Braised Leeks

This week's cook-along recipe is for a easy vegetable side dish, braised leeks. Working from the biggest cookbooks the Accidental Locavore owns, this week's cook-along recipe for braised leeks comes from an old favorite, Julia Child's *The Way to Cook*. I was looking for an interesting side dish recipe to go with cassoulet, and thought braising greens, something like leeks or endives would be a nice homey vegetable that would work with the richness of the cassoulet.

[Get the recipe](#)

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Homie Award Update

Thanks to everyone who nominated the Accidental Locavore for a Homie award! We just missed the cut, coming in 11th, however we managed to beat out some pretty stiff competition.

Blogging Boomers Carnival 192!

This week stress management for writers, when to retire, and the four A's of Alzheimer's. [Check it out:](#)

The poll: What's your favorite pizza topping? [Cast your vote](#) on the homepage. So far meatballs and mushrooms are in the lead.

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