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WORLD CHAMPION CLAM CHOWDER

SERVES: 6 | PREP TIME: 25 MINS | COOK TIME: 45 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 7 pounds medium-size hard-shell clams
- 4 slices of bacon cut into ¼-inch pieces
- 4 large Spanish onions, diced (about 2 cups)
- 4 medium waxy red boiling potatoes, diced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme (¼ tsp dried thyme)
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- ¼ tablespoon of smoked paprika
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 large bay leaf
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste

**For additional flavor, you may add bottled clam juice*

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring 5 cups of water to boil in large pot, add clams and cover. Steam until clams open.
2. Transfer clams to large bowl, reserving the liquid from the boil.
3. Remove clams from shells with paring knife. Put meat in a separate bowl, discard shells.
4. Mince clams; set aside.
5. Pour most of the boiled water into large bowl. Avoid adding sediment. Clean pot for next step.
6. In the large pot, fry bacon until fat renders and bacon crisps, 5 to 7 minutes.
7. Add diced onion to bacon; sauté until softened, about 5 minutes.
8. Add flour; stir until lightly colored, about 1 minute.
9. Gradually whisk in reserved water from step two clam boil. (Ideally about 4 cups)
10. Add potatoes, bay leaf, paprika, thyme. Simmer until potatoes are tender, 10 minutes.
11. Add clams, cream, parsley, salt and pepper to taste; bring to simmer.
12. Remove from heat and serve.

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