Manhattan Clam Chowder

10 servings



Ingredients:

| 2 6½-ounce cans minced clams |
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| 2 stalks chopped celery |
| 1 med. onion, chopped |
| 2 small carrots, chopped |
| 5 med. red potatoes, cubed |
| 2 tsp dried thyme |
| 1/4 tsp Cayenne pepper |
| 4 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled |
| 3 14 ½ cans diced tomatoes, not drained |
| 8 oz clam juice, olive oil, ground black pepper |

Preparation:

Drain canned clams, reserving juice. If necessary, add enough water to reserved clam juice to equal 1-1/2 cups. Set juice aside.

In a large saucepan cook celery, onion, and carrot in hot oil until tender. Stir in the reserved 1-1/2 cups clam juice and the 8 ounces clam juice. Stir in potatoes, thyme, cayenne pepper, and black pepper. Bring to a boi; reduce heat.

Simmer, covered, for 10 minutes. Stir in undrained tomatoes, clams, and bacon. Return to boiling; reduce heat.

Cook for 1 to 2 minutes more or until heated through.