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Corn Chowder

Serves 6

SOUP:

1 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp butter

1 onion, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

1 red pepper, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 bay leaves

3 stems thyme, leaves only

Pinch of cayenne

1/2 tsp kosher salt, more to taste

1/2 tsp black pepper

6 cups chicken stock

3 yukon gold potatoes, 1/2" dice

6 ears corn, stripped

ROUX:

4 tbsp butter

4 tbsp flour

1 pint cream

GARNISH:

5 slices bacon, fried, crumbled

2 green onions, slices

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a large, heavy-bottomed, soup pot, sauté the onion, celery, and red peppers in olive oil and butter. Add the garlic and continue to sauté until the onions are translucent and soft.
- 2. Add the bay leaves, thyme, cayenne, salt and pepper. Add the chicken broth and diced potatoes. Bring to a boil, then simmer until the potatoes are fork tender, about 15 minutes. Add the fresh corn, and simmer another 5 minutes until the corn is cooked.
- 3. While the soup is simmering, fry the bacon, drain on a paper towel, crumble and set aside until time to garnish the soup.
- 4. Prepare the roux (see the how-to directions below).
- 5. Add a cup of the stock liquid to the roux, stir until smooth, transfer the thinned roux into the soup stock. Heat for 4-5 minutes until the soup becomes thickened and thoroughly heated.
- 6. Serve with the garnishes of crumbled bacon and green onion slices.