

CREAMY CORN CHOWDER

6 ears corn, husks and silks removed

1 1/2 liters chicken or vegetable stock

1 bay leaf

1 tsp. coriander seed

1 tsp. whole black peppercorns

4 tbsp. butter

1 medium onion, finely diced (about 1 cup)

2 medium cloves garlic, minced

3 tbsp. flour

1 to 2 russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch dice (1 1/2 cups)

2 cups heavy cream

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 green onions, finely sliced

DIRECTIONS

1. Hold one corn cob upright in a large bowl and cut off kernels with a sharp knife. Repeat with remaining cobs and reserve kernels and cobs separately.
2. Use the back of a knife to scrape corn cobs into a medium saucepan to collect and milk left in the cobs. Break corn cobs in half and add to saucepan. Add chicken or vegetable stock, bay leaf, coriander seed, and whole black peppercorns. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to just below a simmer, and let steep for 10 minutes. Strain through a fine mesh strainer and discard cobs and spices.
3. While stock infuses, melt butter in a separate 3 qt saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onions, garlic, and corn kernels, and cook, stirring frequently, until onions are softened and kernels are tender, about 7 minutes. Reduce heat if butter begins to brown. Add flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.
4. Stirring constantly, gradually add infused corn stock, letting mixture come to a simmer. Add potatoes and 1 tsp. salt. Let simmer, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Add cream and stir to combine. Soup may look broken with melted butter floating on top at this stage
5. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and sugar. Serve immediately, sprinkled with sliced scallions, or chill and serve cold. (Once chilled, you can adjust the texture by whisking in water a tablespoon at a time until desired consistency is reached