Easy Chicken Stew

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INGREDIENTS

- 3 slices bacon
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 2 cans original cream of chicken soup
- 2 soup cans whole milk
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 cup frozen, cut green beans
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
- 1/2 tablespoon dried parsley
- Fresh cracked black pepper
- 3 cups cooked chicken

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Cook the bacon in a soup pot; remove, crumble and set aside for garnish.
- 2. Add the onion and saute over medium high until softened.
- 3. Add the cream soup and whisk in the milk until smooth.
- 4. Add the potatoes and carrots and bring to a boil. Reduce to simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes, stirring several times.
- 5. Add the green beans, cover and simmer an additional 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Add the thyme, parsley, pepper and chicken.
- 7. Cook just until heated through, taste and adjust seasonings, adding salt only if needed.
- 8. Sprinkle individual servings with the chopped bacon.

NOTES

If you use the Healthy Request soup version you may find that you need a bit of salt - with the regular soup you likely will not need any additional salt, so it is not included in the recipe.

Drop Biscuit Topping: This stew makes a pretty good substitute for an easy chicken pot pie filling, easily topped with homemade biscuit topping. Prepare the stew as above. Make a dough using 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, whisked together with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1-1/2 teaspoons

baking powder. May also substitute self-rising flour. Stir in 1/2 cup milk mixed with 2 tablespoons melted butter, stirring until a soft dough forms. Spoon in dollops on top of the filling and bake in a preheated 400 degree F oven for about 30 to 40 minutes, or until mixture is bubbly and biscuits are lightly browned and cooked through.

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