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## Traditional Irish Potato Soup Recipe

Irish Potato Soup, either with beef or lamb, is a traditional meal of Ireland and perfect for St. Patrick's Day. And it is so easy to make and is a meal in itself! It only takes about 20 minutes to prepare then about 2 hours in a large pot on the stove. It is also perfect to cook in a slo-cooker or crockpot.

#### Traditional Irish Potato Soup

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of butter (yes, of course, Irish butter, if you can find it)
- 2 medium sized onions
- 4 large potatoes, washed & peeled
- 1 cup of low-sodium chicken broth (or for vegetarians, vegetable broth)
- 2 cups of milk (I use nonfat, but you can use whole milk, buttermilk, or whichever you prefer. The nonfat makes it taste less heavy. The Irish use cream)
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- Sprigs of parsley for garnish,
- Toppings: crumbled bacon, grated cheddar cheese

#### Equipment:

- Crock pot or large pot
- Cutting board, knives, etc.

### Directions:

- Wash, peel and thinly slice (1/4 inch, or 1/2 cm) the onions and potatoes
- 2. Put the onions and potatoes in a cooking pot with the butter.
- 3. Add the chicken broth, dried parsley and garlic.
- 4. Cover the pot and simmer on low heat until the veggies are soft, but do not let them brown.
- 5. Add the milk and mix until soup becomes thick
- 6. You can use a whisk or wand blender to make the soup smooth, or leave it chunky, as you prefer.
- 7. Serve with the garnish and toppings

Other traditional St. Patrick's Day dishes:

- <u>Corned beef and cabbage</u>
- Irish stew
- Irish Soda Bread.
- Guinness stout (beer) or any beer dyed green
- <u>Shepherd's Pie</u>