

BEEF STEW

Intermediate Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

1 TBS canola oil
1 TBS butter
2 pounds beef stew meat, trimmed of excess fat
Salt and pepper
1 cup chopped onions
8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
5 cups beef broth
1 cup dry red wine*

2 TBS tomato paste
4 sprigs fresh thyme
½ TSP garlic powder
1 pound Red Bliss potatoes, chopped
1 ½ cups sliced carrots
3 TBS all-purpose flour
2 medium tomatoes, chopped

*An additional cup of beef broth, 2 TSP of red wine vinegar, and 2 TSP of sugar (or sugar substitute) can be substituted in place of the red wine.

INSTRUCTIONS

-Heat the oil and butter in a stockpot over medium-high heat.

—Generously season the stew meat with the salt and pepper. Add the seasoned meat to the pot, and brown well.

-Add the onions and mushrooms to the pot, and sauté until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes.

—Add the beef broth, red wine, tomato paste, thyme, garlic powder, and ½ teaspoon each of salt and pepper to the pot, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and let simmer for 1 hour.

-Add the potatoes and carrots to the stew, cover, and let simmer for 45 additional minutes, or until both meat and vegetables are tender.

—Raise heat to medium. Ladle $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the broth into a bowl, and let cool for 1 minute. Whisk the flour into the broth, and then stir into the pot of stew.

-Add the chopped tomatoes to the stew, and let simmer for 5 minutes before serving.

SERVING INFO: (Serves 8) 1 ¹/₂ cups = 1 P, 1 V, ¹/₂ G

See photo of recipe at Instagram and Facebook.