Beer Beef and Tomato Stew

What You'll Need

- 3 tbsp olive oil or butter
- ${\scriptstyle >}$ 1 lb (500g) stewing beef or boneless beef chuck roast, cut into cubes
- > Sea salt and black pepper to taste
- > 1 medium onion, chopped into 1-inch pieces
- > 1 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- > 12 oz or 375ml beer of your choice
- > 2 cups beef or chicken broth
- → 1 bay leaf
- > 1 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- > 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- > 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 to 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into large cubes
- > 3 cups diced fresh tomatoes
- > 1 1/2 cups chopped Bell peppers (any colour)
- > 4 cups spinach, chopped
- > 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley



Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- Place a large saucepan that is also able to go in the oven (Dutch oven) on medium-high heat. Add the olive oil or butter. Add the beef and brown the meat. Season with sea salt and pepper. Remove from the pan and set aside.
- 3. Add the onion and stir until it is cooked and lightly browned.
- 4. Add the flour and stir. Pour in the beer and bring to a boil to cook off the alcohol.
- 5. Allow the beer to deglaze the pan.
- $\,$ 6. Add the broth, bay leaf, thyme beef, carrots, and celery to the pan.
- 7. Cover with a lid and bake for 2 hours.
- 8. Add the potatoes and continue to cook until the potatoes are soft.
- 9. Add the tomatoes, peppers, and spinach. Continue to cook until soft. Taste and add more sea salt and pepper if needed. Remove bay leaf.
- 10. Add the parsley. Scoop into bowls and serve.

Option: This can be made in a slow cooker – follow the instructions for your machine. Don't add the tomatoes, peppers, spinach, or parsley until the end.