This soup is easy and inexpensive and can easily feed 6 people.

Sausage and Corn Chowder



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Ingredients:

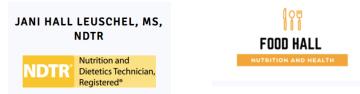
• ½ tube (8 ounces) of turkey or pork sausage (raw)

- ½ medium onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped (optional)
- 1 large carrot, chopped (optional)
- 1 large or 2 small potatoes, diced
- 1 bay leaf or ½ teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 5-6 peppercorns or ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 4 cups broth or water
- 2 cups milk (can sub 12-oz can evaporated milk + ½ c water)
- ½ c grated Cheddar or Colby-Jack cheese (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Heat a large, deep saucepan or Dutch oven and brown raw sausage, breaking it up.
- 2. Remove cooked sausage to a plate lined with paper towels. Cook onion, celery, and carrot in sausage juices, stirring frequently until onion loses its color.
- 3. Add potatoes, bay leaf, salt, and pepper and stir, cooking for about two minutes.
- 4. Mix in cooked sausage and pour the broth over all ingredients. Stir, scraping up any bits stuck to the bottom of the pan. Bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer until potatoes are soft, about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.
- 5. Add milk and simmer for five minutes.
 - a. Note: For a thicker soup, mix two to three Tablespoons of cornstarch with an equal amount of water. Stir into soup after adding the milk, mixing well so no lumps form.
- 6. Serve topped with a sprinkle of cheese.
- ✓ 6 generous servings
- ✓ 240 calories

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