Split Pea & Pepper Soup

INGREDIENTS

1 lb dried split peas

6 cups chicken stock

2 meaty ham bones

3 celery stalks with leaves, chopped

1 bay leaf

1 tsp thyme

2 Tbps butter

3 sweet peppers (green, yellow, red), chopped

1 large onion, chopped

1/2 cup dry white wine

1/2 tsp grated nutmeg

salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

Boil peas, stock, ham bones, celery, bay and thyme 45 mins. Puree 1 cup celery and peas in blender. Return to pan. Stir to blend.

In skillet, over medium heat, melt butter. Saute peppers and onions 5 mins. Add wine and nutmeg. Simmer 3 mins. Season to taste. Pour into soup mixture.

Serves 6.