Irish Lamb Stew

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Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds thickly sliced bacon, diced
- 6 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 cups beef stock
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 4 cups diced carrots
- 2 larges onions, cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 pounds potatoes, peeled and cut in bite-size pieces
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup white wine

Directions

Saute bacon in large frying pan, reserve fat and bacon.

Put lamb salt pepper and flour in large mixing bowl-toss to coat meat evenly. Brown meat in frying pan with bacon fat.

Put meat into stock pot-leave 1/4 cup of fat in frying pan. Add the garlic and yellow onion and saute till onion begins to become golden. Deglaze frying pan with 1/2 cup water and add the garlic-onion mixture to the stock pot with bacon pieces, beef stock and sugar. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours or till tender. Add remaining ingredients to pot and simmer covered for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.