Classic Ham and Bean Soup

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Ingredients

1 Lb. soup beans - soaked in water overnight
2 Lb. ham hocks
10 cups water
14 oz. can stewed tomatoes - chopped
8 oz. can tomato sauce
6 carrots - chopped
4 med. potatoes - cubed
1 lrg. onion - chopped
3 beef bouillon cubes
2 bay leaves
2 Tbls. parsley flakes
1 Tbls. salt

Directions

1 Tbls. minced garlic
1/2 Tbls. black pepper
1/2 tsp. dried thyme

Combine all ingredients in large pot; simmer over low heat for 4 hours. Remove ham hocks from pot. Cut off meat. Return meat to pot. Discard bones and fat.

Simmer over low heat for 1 hour.

Remove bay leaves from soup before serving.