Loaded Baked Potato Soup

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Ingredients

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1/2 med. onion - chopped
1/2 cup butter OR margarine
3 cups water
2 tsp. chicken bouillon granules OR 2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. celery salt
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3 cups diced potatoes
1 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/4 cup water
2 Tbls. flour
1 can evaporated milk — low fat okay
2 cups chicken broth
3 med. potatoes — peeled, cubed
2 green onions — trimmed, sliced
1/2 rib celery - minced
1/4 med. carrot - grated
2 tsp. distilled white vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups milk mixed with 2 Tbls. all-purpose flour
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
2-6 strips cooked bacon — crumbled
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Directions

Bring first 7 ingredients to boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Whisk the milk/flour mixture into the soup, then stir in cheese and bacon. Simmer, uncovered, 5-8 minutes, or until thick, stirring constantly.