Country Cabbage Soup (a Southern favorite!) – recipe serves 8

 

Perfect on a rainy day, this soup is simple to make and surprisingly filling.

Ingredients:

½ small head cabbage, chopped  
2 pounds of lean ground beef and/or country sausage  
1 15-ounce can of stewed or diced tomatoes.  
1 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilies, such as Ro\*Tel  
2 8-ounce cans of tomato sauce  
1 large onion, chopped  
4 ribs celery, finely chopped  
1 small green bell pepper, finely chopped  
Diced potatoes and/or cauliflower (for low-carb version), to taste  
3 cups beef broth  
Cayenne pepper, to taste  
Chili powder, to taste  
4 cloves of garlic, minced  
¼ teaspoon smoky Spanish paprika.  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
½ teaspoon Creole seasoning  
¼ teaspoon Lawry’s seasoned salt

1 tablespoon peanut or vegetable oil

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

Preparation:

In a Dutch oven or large pot, heat the oil and sauté the ground meat until it’s crispy. Add the celery, onion, bell pepper and garlic; sauté until translucent. Melt in the butter and add the cabbage; simmer until the cabbage is tender and wilted, then add in the rest of the ingredients and simmer on medium-low heat until potatoes/cauliflower are soft and tender.

Feel free to add anything you like such as green beans, corn, lentils or any other vegetable. I like plenty of Tabasco sauce in mine!