

Slow Cooked Beef Stew

Recipe makes:

5 portions

Preparation time:

25 minutes

Cooking time

(Using a slow cooker):

6 hours

Cooking time

(In a casserole dish or pan):

2 hours

Nutritional Information	1 Portion
Energy	214kcals
Carbohydrates of which sugars	9.5g 3.6g
Protein	19.2g
Fat	IIg

Ingredients:

- 2tbsp olive oil
- I large onion, chopped
- I large clove of garlic, minced
- 400g beef stewing meat, cubed
- 800ml beef stock
- 100g celery stalks, chopped
- 100g carrots, peeled and chopped
- 150g potatoes, peeled and chopped
- I sprig of fresh parsley, chopped
- I tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- I tsp cornstarch
- I tsp water

Chefs Tip:

 Garnish with a handful of fresh parsley before serving.

Method:

- Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan olive oil over a medium heat.
 Add the onions and gently fry until translucent, approximately 3-4 minutes.
- 2. Add the garlic and fry for a further 2 minutes, whilst stirring.
- Add the cubed beef to the pan with the onions and garlic, and fry until the meat is brown.
- Pour the hot beef stock into the slow cooker and add the prepared vegetables, spices, salt and the meat mixture from the pan.

 Cover with the lid.
- 5. Turn the slow cooker to low and cook for 5 hours.
- After 5 hours, in a small glass dissolve the cornstarch into 1 tsp of cold water, and add to the stew, stirring well.
- 7. Replace the lid and continue to cook on low for another I hour.

Alternative method if you don't have a slow cooker:

- . Follow the method from 1 to 3 as described above.
- Pour the hot stock into a medium sized casserole dish or a pan and follow the step 4 as described above. Cover with a lid.
- Bring the stew to the boil and then reduce the heat to medium.
 Simmer for 1 hour 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- After I hour and 40 minutes, follow step 6 adding the dissolved starch in water to the stew, and stir well.
- 5. Cover with a lid and simmer gently for an additional 20 minutes.

