

SOPA TIERRA (Soup of the Earth)

*This soup is quick and easy to prepare and is delicious to boot.
Enjoy! - Barb Schoener*

To prepare:

- Blend in a blender two fresh tomatoes or 1 cup canned tomatoes, 1 garlic clove, & one onion quartered.
- Melt three Tbsp. butter in a large heavy saucepan and pour tomato mixture into it. Cook on medium-high heat for about 5 minutes.
- Blend 4 cups of pinto or kidney beans (two 1 lb. cans) and their juices in the blender on medium speed until smooth. Add to the tomato mixture and heat about 5 min or so, stirring occasionally.
- Add two cups of chicken broth and 1/2 tsp. chili powder and cook for another 10-15 minutes on low heat. Add salt to taste.
- Cube 1/4 pound Muenster cheese (other favorite cheese). Place cubes in a soup bowl and pour hot soup over them. Garnish with crisp crumbled bacon.