## **Irish-Beer Cheese Soup**

## **Ingredients (for 6 portions)**

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ib (340 g) mature white cheese, such as Dubliner (or aged white cheddar); shredded

3 tbsp unsalted butter

1/4 onion; peeled, and chopped

1 potato; washed, peeled and cubed

½ cup flour

2 cups broth (chicken, or veggie)

1 cup milk

1 cup beer, such as Irish Harp™ (or other lager)

1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp mustard (Dijon type, or a mix with yellow)

In a pot over medium heat, add butter; once melted, add chopped onions, and sauté. Add potatoes, stirring to coat with butter and onion. Cover pot and cook for about ten minutes, until the potatoes are fork-tender. Add flour, and stir to avoid burning; cook just until the flour starts to turn grainy, but not brown, then add broth, stirring. Once hot, but not boiling, add milk, then the beer. Transfer batches to a blender, and process until smoot, then return to pot, or use an immersion blender directly in the pot. Add Worcestershire sauce and mustard. Stir and keep hot. A couple of minutes before serving, reserve about a quarter of a cup of the cheese, for garnish, then add the rest to the pot. Stir and serve as soon as the cheese has melted; top each bowl with reserved cheese, and optional, finish with some freshly ground pepper:

