

**Cheese Entrees & Sides** 

## Cooper® Sharp Cheesy Broccoli Soup in Bread Bowls







SLICE SHRED









## Ingredients

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups unsalted chicken broth
- · 2 cups fresh broccoli, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup matchstick carrots
- 1 cup Cooper<sup>®</sup> Sharp White cheese, sliced and chopped or shredded (plus additional shredded cheese for 3. Add broccoli, carrots, and cooked onions and garnishing)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 small round loaves of bread to carve into bowls for serving (optional)

## Directions

- 1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt 1/4 stick butter. Add onions and celery and cook until transparent. Do not brown. Remove onions and celery from the saucepan and set aside.
- 2. Melt the remaining butter over medium heat. Slowly add the flour, little bits at a time, to make a roux. Cook roux for 5-7 minutes. Add 1/2 cup of milk and whisk until blended. Cook another 5 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer.
- celery. Simmer for 20 minutes.
- 4. Add Cooper® cheese and stir until melted. Add remaining milk and season to taste.

- 5. If using bread bowls, cut the centers out of each round loaf of bread to form the bowls.
- 6. Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle additional shredded Cooper® cheese on top of the soup. Let them sit just a bit so the heat from the soup can melt the cheese.
- 7. Serve nice and hot ... and if you're looking for a little extra garnish, this soup goes great with our Cooper® Garlic Croutons, too.
- 8. Enjoy!