

CUBAN STYLE BEEF





Day Before: Place Tenleytown Meat **chuck roast** in refrigerator to defrost for 36 hours.

Bring to room temperature before cooking.

Prep Time: **20 minutes** Cook Time: **4 1/2 hours** (largely unattended)

BRAISE:

1 (2 1/2 to 3 pound) Tenleytown Meat Company

chuck roast

1 (28 oz.) can whole peeled tomatoes

1 garlic clove, peeled

1 medium **onion**, chopped

1 medium **carrot**, chopped

1 **celery stalk**, chopped

6 whole **peppercorns**

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1 teaspoon **salt**

2 teaspoons **ground cumin**1/8 teaspoon **cayenne**1 bay leaf

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1 tablespoon olive oil

1 white onion, thinly sliced

STEW:

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 red, yellow or green bell pepper, thinly sliced

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1 1/2 teaspoons **salt**

1 cup lightly packed chopped fresh cilantro

makes 5 servings









BRAISE:

Place the **beef in the Dutch Oven** so it fits snuggly. Add the **garlic, onion,** carrot, celery, peppercorns, salt, bay leaf, only the juice from the canned tomatoes and just enough water to reach the surface of the meat. With lid ajar, bring to a boil over medium high heat, then reduce to low and simmer until the meat shreds readily with a fork, 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

Lift beef from liquid, and place in to bowl to cool. **Strain the liquid** and bring to a **steady simmer** over medium heat. Reduce it by half to make about one cup, about **15 minutes**. When the meat is cool enough to handle, **shred** it finely with two forks, discarding any fat.

STEW:

Heat the olive oil over medium high heat in a skillet, add onions, cook for 3 minutes. Add the cumin, cayenne, garlic, bell pepper and continue cooking with out browning until vegetables are tender, about 6 minutes. Mash the reserved whole tomatoes and add them with the oregano, salt and reduced broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes until the tomatoes break down. Stir in shredded meat to reheat it for 5-7 minutes, and sprinkle on the cilantro just before serving.

Recipe courtesy of Pure Beef by Lynne Curry. "An essential guide to artisan meat with recipes for every cut."