Turkey Burger Cheddar Chowder with Mustard and Pickles

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Everything you love about a burger but made into a soup using ground turkey.

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, or olive oil, if preferred

1 pound ground turkey (not turkey breast, but the light and dark meat), or ground chicken

1 cup onion, diced

3/4 cup celery, diced

1/2 cup carrot, peeled, diced

1 teaspoon garlic, minced

1 teaspoon dried basil, or dried oregano

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

3 cups low-sodium chicken broth

 $1\,1/2$ cups whole milk, can use 2% but not fat free

2 cups russet potatoes, peeled, diced

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated (1/2 lb. = 2 cups grated)

Yellow mustard and chopped dill pickles for garnish (can also add some chopped tomato to the top too)

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Servings: 6

- 1. Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add ground turkey and cook, breaking up into small pieces, until meat begins to brown. Add onion, celery, carrot, garlic and basil. Cook about 5 minutes.
- 2. Stir flour into the veggies; stir in chicken broth and milk, then add potatoes. Bring soup to a boil and cook until potatoes are tender, stirring often, about 10 minutes longer. Soup can be made to this point and refrigerated, then reheated to serve.
- 3. Reheat before serving. If mixture is too thick add more milk to your desired consistency. Then stir in 1 1/2 cups (half) cheddar cheese OFF the heat. Stir to melt the cheese, then ladle into serving bowls and top with remaining cheese and add a squirt of mustard and the dill pickles. If desired, add diced tomato to the top for color!

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 462 Calories; 30g Fat (55.6% calories from fat); 32g Protein; 21g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 128mg Cholesterol; 377mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain(Starch); 4 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 3 1/2 Fat.