Corn & Roasted Red Pepper Chowder (New England Soup Factory) serves 16-18

- 6 Tbsps salted butter (unsalted works fine!)
- 3 cups diced onions (3 medium / 2 large onions)
- 1 cup diced celery (3 stalks)
- 2 cups diced carrots (4 carrots)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 7 Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut to ½" cubes (any potato will do)
- 8 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 Tbsp ground coriander
- 2 tsps ground bay leaves (or use 2 whole and discard before serving)
- 4-12 oz bags frozen or 3-4 cans fresh corn kernels
- 3 cans creamed corn
- 3 Tbsps cornstarch dissolved in 6 Tbsps cold water
- 3 cups light cream
- 3 cups roasted red peppers, pureed until smooth (roast your own or buy a jar)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (I omitted)
- 1 Tbsp Tabasco sauce (optional)

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Melt butter on medium. Add onions, celery, carrots, and garlic. Saute 5-7 mins.

Add potatoes. Saute 5 mins.

Add broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes soften, about 10 mins.

Add coriander, bay leaves, and regular kernel corn. Bring back to a boil and cook 5 mins.

Add creamed corn and cornstarch-water mix. Return to boil and cook 1-2 mins.

Add cream, red peppers, cilantro, Tabasco sauce, salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 mins.

REMOVE BAY LEAVES!