Frozen Pea Soup

Recipe by: Cooks Illustrated, modified by the O'Connor clan

Servings: 5

| Amount | Ingredient |
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| 4 tablespoons | butter |
| 1 cup | minced shallots (about 8 medium shallots) |
| 2 tablespoons | flour |
| 3.5 cups | chicken broth |
| 2 pounds | frozen peas |
| 1/2 cup | heavy cream (can substitute evaporated milk) |

- remove peas from freezer
- heat butter in large pan over low heat until foaming; add shallots; cover and cook until softened,
 about 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally
- remove lid and add flour, stirring until flour is completely incorporated; gradually whisk in chicken broth
- increase to high until boiling; reduce to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes
- add peas; increase heat to medium-high; cover and cook for 5 minutes or until soup has come to a simmer
- uncover; reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes
- puree soup with an immersion blender (a blender or food processor will work if you work in small batches return to pan)
- stir in heavy cream before serving; season to taste with salt and pepper
- note: serve with shredded parmesan or croutons if desired