Potato Soup Mix in a Jar

Ingredients:
2 cups instant potato flakes
1-1/4 cups powdered milk
2 T beef bouillon
2 T bacon bits
2 tsp. Dried chives
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. Seasoned salt

Directions:
In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together.
Pour into a wide-mouth quart jar
Decorate jar

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Add 1/2 cup of soup mix to 1 cup of hot water.
Heat on low for five minutes, until the soup begins to thicken and is heated through.
Top with grated cheese
Makes one bowl.

Calico Bean Soup Mix

Ingredients:
1/2 cup dried black beans
1/2 cup dried baby lima beans
1/2 cup dried red kidney beans
1/2 cup dried navy beans
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. Chili powder
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder
1/2 tsp. Dried whole oregano
1/2 tsp. Dried thyme
1/2 tsp. Dried basil
1/2 tsp. pepper

Directions:
Layer first 4 ingredients, in order given, in a mason jar or tight-fitting lid.
Combine the spices and place in a small bag. Place the spices on top of beans in jar.
Decorate Jar.

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Remove bag from jar. Set aside. Empty remaining contents of jar into sieve. Rinse and drain beans. Transfer to large pot or Dutch oven. Add 6 cups water. Bring to a boil on high.