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Roasted Butternut Squash and Apple Soup with Toasted Pepitas, Creme Fraiche

• Prep Time: 50 minutes • Yields: 6 servings

Ingredients:

- 5 cups cubed butternut squash, skin removed
- (1 small butternut squash)
- 2 cups carrots (peeled and cut on an angle into 1-inch slices)
- 1/2 medium white or yellow onion, sliced (~1 cup or 120 g)
- 5 cloves garlic, peeled (left whole or slightly crushed)
- 2 tsp. avocado oil (if oil-free, sub a bit more maple syrup and/or a little vegetable broth)
- 2 tsp. maple syrup
- 1 pinch sea salt
- 1 pinch black pepper
- $1\frac{1}{2} 2$ cups vegetable broth
- 2/3 cup light coconut milk (or sub cashew milk)
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 pinch cayenne

Toasted pepitas (optional)

Creme fraiche (optional)

Equipment:

Oven

Parchment paper

Large bowl

Large pot or Dutch oven

Blender

2 Baking sheet

Method:

- 1. Heat oven to 400°F and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 2. Add cubed squash, carrots, onion, and garlic to the baking sheets and drizzle with oil and maple syrup.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper and toss to combine. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until squash and carrots are tender.
- 4. Transfer to a large pot or Dutch oven and add vegetable broth, coconut milk, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cayenne.
- 5. Stir to combine, then bring to a simmer over medium heat.
- 6. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 5-10 minutes to allow the flavors to meld.
- 7. Use an immersion blender or carefully transfer mixture to a high-speed blender (that's safe for hot foods) and blend until creamy and smooth.
- 8. If you prefer thinner soup, add more vegetable broth at this time.
- 9. Taste and adjust flavor as needed, adding salt and pepper to taste, maple syrup for sweetness, cinnamon for warmth, nutmeg for nuttiness, or cayenne for heat.
- 10. Enjoy as is, or top with toasted pepitas (optional) or croutons and a drizzle of creme fraiche or coconut milk.

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