

Creamy spiced carrot and pumpkin soup

Ingredients

1 ½ tbsp oil

1 onion sliced

1 celery stick

3 garlic cloves, 2 crushed and 1 left

whole

1kg diced pumpkin

1 kg carrots, thinly sliced

1.5 litre hot veg or chicken stock

½ small bunch of thyme

½ tsp cumin

½ tsp paprika

¼ tsp turmeric

¼ tsp ground nutmeg

1 tbsp mixed seeds

1 tbsp chopped parsley

1 ½ tbsp. double cream







Method

Step 1.

Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large saucepan or casserole pot. Fry the onion and celery gently for 5 mins. Add the crushed garlic, cumin, paprika, turmeric, ground nutmeg and cook for 1 min more.

Step 2.

Add carrots, diced pumpkin, stock and thyme to the saucepan. Season and bring to the boil. Lower to a simmer and cook, covered, for 25 mins until the carrots and pumpkin are softened.

Step 3.

Remove the thyme from the pan and discard. Blitz the soup with a hand blender until smooth. Stir through the cream and season to taste.

Serve and top with croutons and a drizzle of cream if desired.

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