

BUTTERNUT SQUASH CARROT GINGER SOUP

COURTESY OF FIT

DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

TOTAL TIME: 20 MINUTES
ACTIVE: 15 MINUTES

SERVES: 4 PEOPLE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter or coconut oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3-4 large carrots, chopped
- 1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and chopped (approximately 2/3 pound)
- 1-2 inches fresh ginger, peeled and minced (can use ginger paste)
- · 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3-5 fresh cloves garlic (or 1 teaspoon garlic powder)
- · 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 quart chicken stock (highly recommended homemade stock for optimal flavor)
- · 1 tablespoon honey
- · ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice or cider vinegar (to taste)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Prepare all vegetables as instructed. When handling ginger, peel it first, slice it thin across the grain, and then mince to avoid tough fibers in the soup.
- 2. In a sturdy soup pot, sauté the chopped onion in butter until golden brown.
- 3. Add the remaining vegetables, ginger, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and turmeric. Cook for about 5 minutes, until the mixture is lightly browned and fragrant.
- 4. Pour in the chicken stock and add honey. Bring the mixture to a simmer, cooking until the vegetables are very soft (test by smashing with a spoon). Turn off the heat.
- 5. Carefully use an immersion blender to pure the soup (be cautious as it's hot!).
- 6. Stir in the heavy cream and lemon juice. Adjust the seasonings to your taste.