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Pumpkin Sage Soup

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Pumpkin sage soup Photo provided

Remove the stem from the pumpkins (or squash) and cut in half. Scoop out seeds and pulp. Coat inside of flesh with a thin layer of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Turn upside down on a greased baking sheet and bake at 350 F until skin and flesh are easily pierced with a knife. Remove from oven and cool. Scoop out pulp and place in a bowl.

Meanwhile, sauté chopped shallots and onion in a large pot. Add seasonings and continue to cook until onions are translucent. Add pumpkin pulp and mix well with veggies. Puree this mixture in a food processor one batch at a time until smooth. Return to soup pot.

Add sherry, coconut milk and enough chicken broth to arrive at desired consistency. Bring to a boil and serve immediately, or cool and refrigerate until ready to heat and serve.

For garnish: Toss sliced shallots and kale leaves with olive oil and a bit of sea salt. Spread out on a tray and bake at 400 F until crispy and beginning to brown. This will take approximately 10 minutes or so. Turn them over with a spatula halfway through. Sprinkle on top of each bowl of soup. Garnish can be made several hours ahead of time.

(Serves 4-6)

INGREDIENTS

2 sugar or pie pumpkins (to yield approximately 4 cups pumpkin meat or any kind of squash you prefer)

3 Tbsp. olive oil

3 shallots, peeled (two chopped and one thinly sliced for garnish)

1 small onion, peeled and chopped

1 tsp. poultry seasoning

1 tsp. dried sage

1/2 tsp. dried thyme

2 Tbsp. dry sherry

1 can low-fat or non-fat coconut milk (13.5 or 14

3 to 4 cups chicken broth, depending on how thick or thin you prefer your soup

Salt and pepper to taste

1 cup kale leaves for garnish (plus sliced shallot

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