

The Edible Garden

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Pumpkin Maple Soup with Autumn Spiced Pumpkin Seeds

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Ingredients (Serves 8)

for soup

2 tablespoons butter

2 large carrots, chopped

2 celery stalks, chopped

1 large onion, chopped

1 (2-pound) pumpkin peeled, seeded, chopped (about 6 cups)

6 cups vegetable broth

3 whole cloves

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 teaspoon all-spice

½ teaspoon grated fresh nutmeg

½ cup whipping cream

½ cup maple syrup

for garnish

Autumn Spiced Pumpkin Seeds (recipe below) Cranberry Sage Pecan Pesto (recipe below)

Red Basil Ginger Almond Cinnamon Pesto (recipe below)

Instructions for soup

- 1. Melt butter in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the carrots, celery, and onion. Sauté until tender, about 8 minutes. Add the pumpkin, 6 cups of stock, cloves, cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg. Cover and simmer until pumpkin is very tender, about 25 minutes.
- 2. Discard cloves. Puree the soup in batches in a blender. Return the pureed soup to the Dutch oven. Stir in the cream and maple and bring to simmer. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 3. Garnish with a pesto sauce or spiced pumpkin seeds (see recipes below).

This recipe can be made one day ahead. Bring to simmer before serving and thin with more stock, if desired.

For the Autumn Spiced Pumpkin Seeds:

Ingredients

½ cup pumpkin seeds, toasted

2 tablespoons butter, melted

½ tablespoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon nutmeg

½ teaspoon ground ginger

¼ teaspoon allspice

Toss warm pumpkin seeds with butter and spices. Let cool on a sheet tray.

For the Cranberry Sage Pecan Pesto:

Ingredients

2 cups fresh sage leaves 1 cup cranberries ½ cup pecans, toasted 1 cup walnut or pecan oil Salt

Place all ingredients in blender and mix well until everything is incorporated. Season with salt to taste.

For the Red Basil Ginger Almond Cinnamon Pesto:

Ingredients

2 cups fresh red basil leaves 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, chopped ½ cups almonds, toasted ½ teaspoon cinnamon 1 cup almond oil Salt

Place all ingredients in blender and mix well until everything is incorporated. Season with salt to taste.