## **Butternut Squash Soup**

SERVINGS PREP TIME COOK TIME TOTAL TIME 6 10 MIN 30 MIN 40 MIN

Indulge in velvety-smooth luxury with this creamy butternut squash soup! Squash and apples meld with warming spices in a rich and creamy, decadent, and filling broth.



## **ORGANIZING**

Ingredients	Directions a Plant Based Life.com
Olive Oil  1 Medium Onion  2 T Minced Garlic	<ul> <li>Heat a generous drizzle of olive oil in a 6 qt stockpot.</li> <li>Dice onion and saute over medium heat.</li> <li>Add minced garlic, mix well, and cook about 5 minutes.</li> </ul>
•1 Apple •½ (16oz) Bag Baby Carrots •2 lb. Butternut Squash (Pre-Cut, if possible or 1 medium Whole Squash)	<ul> <li>WHILE ONIONS ARE COOKING</li> <li>■ Peel, core, and dice apple.</li> <li>■ Cut carrots (in half or thirds).</li> <li>■ Add apple, carrots and squash to pot. Mix well.</li> <li>☆ Pre-cut squash is so easy, but if you are unable to purchase it just peel, seed, and cut whole squash into 1" cubes.</li> </ul>
•1 (15oz) Can Garbanzo Beans	■ Drain and rinse beans and add to pot.
•2 tsp Thyme •1 Bay Leaf •1 tsp Salt •½ tsp Pepper •½ tsp Cinnamon •¼ tsp Cayenne Pepper	■ Add all spices to pot and mix well. Let spices heat up, 1 to 2 minutes.
•1 (32oz) Container Vegetable Broth •1 Can Reduced Fat Unsweetened Coconut Milk  OPTIONAL TO SERVE WITH: •Pumpkin Seeds	<ul> <li>Add broth and coconut milk to pot and mix well.</li> <li>Bring to a low boil for 30 minutes.</li> <li>Turn off flame, allow to cool 5 minutes.</li> <li>Discard bay leaf.</li> <li>Carefully blend with an <b>immersion blender</b>. If you don't have an immersion blender, allow mixture to cool longer and blend in blender (in batches if necessary) or mash by hand with potato masher.</li> <li>Check flavors and add additional spices as necessary. More Salt likely needed.</li> </ul>

## **OPTIONAL INSTANT POT INSTRUCTIONS:**

Add all ingredients, **except for coconut milk**, to pressure cooker and set to "High Pressure - 8 minutes" Start. When cooking is complete carefully turn vent to release pressure. Use immersion blender to puree mixture and add coconut milk to finish.