Cream of Zucchini Soup

This recipe will make approximately 5.5 cups of soup/ 5 servings



Ingredients

2.5 Tbsp Butter

3 garlic cloves, chopped

3/4 yellow onion, chopped

5 zucchini, chopped

2.5 cups vegetable stock

2.5 cups cashew milk

1¼ tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground cumin

1/4 tsp ground coriander

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Melt the butter in a medium stockpot over medium heat.
- 2. Add the chopped garlic and onion to the pot and sauté for about 5 minutes, or until they become translucent.
- 3. Stir in the chopped zucchini and vegetable stock. Simmer for approximately 5 minutes, or until the zucchini is soft.
- 4. Blend the soup until smooth. You can either use an immersion blender directly in the pot, or let the soup cool slightly and carefully pour it into a countertop blender. If using a countertop blender, return the blended soup to the pot afterward.
- 5. Add the cashew milk, salt, ground cumin, ground coriander, and freshly ground black pepper to the soup.
- 6. Simmer the soup over medium-low heat for about 10 minutes.
- 7. Allow the soup to cool completely.
- 8. Pour the cooled soup onto a parchment-lined tray. Using tray dividers, add them in the ten portions configuration.
- 9. Cover the tray with a lid and freeze until the soup is frozen solid.
- 10. Freeze dry the frozen soup. (My freeze drying time was 36 hours)

Rehydration:

Add 2 portions of Soup to a bowl, start with adding $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of hot water, and stir well, breaking up any clumps. Let sit for 5-10 minutes, add more hot water until you reach desired consistency.

Notes:

To enhance the flavor of your soup, consider adding a pinch of red pepper flakes along with the garlic and onion if you like a little heat. You can also incorporate fresh or dried herbs such as thyme, rosemary, or parsley; add fresh herbs at the end of simmering, or dried herbs with the other spices. For a brighter taste, a squeeze of fresh lemon or lime juice after blending can really lift the flavors.

Nutritional Value Per 1 serving

Calories: 102 Protein: 2.1 g Fat: 7.2 g Carbohydrates: 8.3 g Sugar: 4.9 g Fiber: 1.4 g