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Pumpkin-Apple Soup with Pepitas

Makes 4 servings. Recipe from Cooking Light. Serving size 1-1/2 cups soup & 3/4 tsp pepitas.

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 cups chopped onion

3 garlic cloves, chopped

4 cups (1/2-in.) cubed peeled fresh pumpkin (about 1 lb. 2 oz.)

1 large Granny Smith apple, cut into 1/2-in. cubes

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt, divided

3 cups unsalted vegetable stock

2 tablespoons raw hulled pepitas (pumpkin seeds)

2 teaspoons sugar

1/4 cup apple cider

1/4 cup lowfat yogurt

Nutritional info per serving

Calories:275Total fat:9gCholesterol:5mgSodium:541mgTotal Carbs:45gProtein:10g

Directions

- 1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat; swirl to coat. Add onion; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic; cook 2 minutes. Add pumpkin, apples, cinnamon, and 1/4 teaspoon salt; cook 5 minutes, stirring often. Add stock; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 25 minutes or until pumpkin and apples are tender.
- 2. While soup cooks, combine pepitas, sugar, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt in a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook 7 minutes or until sugar melts and pepitas are toasted, stirring often. Transfer to a plate; cool completely, breaking up any clumps.
- 3. Place half of pumpkin mixture in a blender, remove center piece of blender lid (to allow steam to escape). Secure blender lid on blender. Place a clean towel over opening in blender lid (to avoid splatters); blend until smooth.
- 4. Place soup in a large bowl. Repeat procedure in blender with remaining pumpkin mixture.
- 5. Pour in apple cider into pumpkin mixture.
- 6. When ready to serve, rehat and serve soup topped with yogurt and sprinkle evenly with pepitas.