

# **PUMPKIN AND COCONUT SOUP**

## EQUIPMENT

Blender, Chef Knife, Medium Frypan, Spoons

### INGREDIENTS

1 BROWN ONION, 4 CLOVES GARLIC, 3CM PIECE OF GINGER, ½ BUTTERNUT PUMPKIN, 200gm Coconut Cream, 100gm Natural Yogurt, 5gm Harissa, Salt, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

#### METHOD

HEAT THE FRYPAN OVER MEDIUM HEAT, SLICE THE ONION, ROUGHLY CHOP THE GARLIC AND GINGER

Once the pan is hot add a splash of EVOO and sauté the onion over medium heat until it begins to just colour

Next add the ginger and garlic and continue to cook for another 1-2 mins

PEEL THE PUMPKIN AND CUT IT INTO CHUNKS AND PLACE IT ONTO A PERFORATED TRAY AND LIGHTLY SEASON WITH SALT

TIP THE ONION, GARLIC AND GINGER MIX OVER THE PUMPKIN AND ADD A LITTLE EXTRA SEASONING, PLACE THE TRAY INTO A PRE HEATED OVEN STEAM SETTING 100 DEGREES FOR 30 MINS AND PLACE ANOTHER TRAY UNDERNEATH TO CATCH ANY COOKING LIQUID

In a small mixing bowl add the yoghurt, harissa and a little EVOO and mix together and set aside

ONCE COOKED REMOVE THE PUMPKIN AND ADD IT TO THE BOWL OF A BLENDER WITH APPROX HALF THE COOKING LIQUID, ADD THE COCONUT CREAM AND BLEND UNTIL SMOOTH, CHECK AND ADJUST THE SEASONING IF REQUIRED

TO FINISH POUR THE SOUP ONTO A BOWL AND ADD A DOLLOP OF HARISSA YOGHURT AND A SPRIG OF CORIANDER

#### HINTS & TIPS

- PUMPKINS CAN BE DIFFICULT TO PEEL SO USE YOUR KNIFE INSTEAD OF A VEGETABLE PEELER, JUST MAKE SURE YOU CUT A FLAT SECTION OF THE PUMPKIN TO WORK ON

- PUMPKINS HAVE A LOT OF NATURAL WATER SO YOU DON'T NEED TO ADD MUCH LIQUID WHEN BLENDING THE SOUP

- MOST SOUPS GET BETTER WITH AGE, MAKE YOUR SOUP 1-2 DAYS AHEAD OF WHEN YOUR PLANNING TO USE IT AND THE FLAVOURS WILL DEVELOP GIVING A MORE ROUNDED FLAVOUR

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