



Winter Soup with Two Flavors

This soup is great 'as is' or divide and add pesto to half and tomato paste to the other half for two flavors in the same bowl.

- 3 tbsp butter
- 3 cups chopped leeks (white part only)
- 1½ cups chopped white onion
- 6 cups vegetable, chicken or turkey stock
- 3 cups peeled and chopped butternut squash
- 3 cups peeled and chopped potato
- 1½ cups light cream
- ¾ tsp salt, to taste
- White pepper to taste
- fresh herb sprigs for garnish

In a large heavy saucepan, heat butter over medium heat; cook leeks and onions for about 10 minutes. Do not brown.

Add stock and bring to a boil. Add potatoes and squash. Return to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until vegetables are very tender.

Use blender - in batches or **immersion blender** (best option) and puree until smooth.

Add cream, heat gently. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Optional for Two Flavors

- ½ cup pesto
- 3 tbsp tomato paste

Divide soup between two saucepans over low heat. Add pesto to one and tomato paste to the other. Mix well and heat through. Adjust seasoning; do not boil.

Pour from two heat proof jugs at the same time into soup bowl from opposite sides of the bowl for two flavors in one bowl.

Garnish as desired.

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