

Ingredients

- 4 TBSP unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 celery rib, coarsely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1 CUP dry white wine
- 1 QUART chicken stock or low-sodium broth
- 1 QUART water
- 4 LBS winter squash (butternut, acorn, hubbard or any other variety)--peeled, seeded and cut into 1inch cubes

Freshly ground white pepper Large pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

Roasted pumpkin seeds and honey for garnish (optional)

Directions

- 1. In a large pot, melt the butter
- **2.** Add the onion, celery and garlic and cookcover moderate heat, stirring until softened, about 5 minutes
- 3. Add the white wine and simmer for 3 minutes
- **4.** Add the stock and water and bring to a boil
- **5.** Add the squash, cover partially and simmer over moderately low heat until tender, about 30 minutes
- **6.** Use an immersion blender to puree the soup or add in small batches to a blender and puree until the soup is smooth
- **7.** Return the soup to the pot, bring to a simmer and season with white pepper and nutmeg
- **8.** Garnish with the pumpkin seeds and a drizzle of honey and serve

