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Thai Curried Butternut Squash Soup

Serves 4-6 for appetizers

Ingredients:

- 1 butternut squash, diced
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small leek, well-rinsed, sliced
- 1 yellow onion
- 1 shallot, finely diced
- 1 large carrot, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 can (14-oz) unsweetened coconut milk
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon red Thai curry paste

kosher salt

black pepper

Toppings & Garnishes:

1 lime, cut into wedges

6 tablespoons full-fat coconut milk

6 tablespoons pumpkin seeds, roasted

10-12 fresh mint leaves

Directions:

- 1. Prep the butternut squash by cutting, peeling, and cutting into a dice approximately 3/4-inch cubes.
- 2. In a large dutch oven, add the oil, butter, leek, onion, shallots, carrot, garlic, and ginger. Sauté for 5 minutes over medium heat, stirring frequently.
- 3. Add the cubed butternut squash, and season with salt, pepper, and the curry powder. Stir to coat. Then, cover and cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add the coconut milk, vegetable broth, brown sugar, lime juice, and Thai red curry paste.
- 5. Bring the ingredients to a low boil over medium heat and then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes or until the butternut squash is fork tender.
- 6. Use an immersion blender, or transfer soup to a blender, and purée until smooth. Serve with roasted pumpkin seeds, fresh mint leaves, lime wedges, and a drizzle of coconut mil