Irish Pumpkin Potage

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Ingredients

3 pounds peeled, seeded and diced sugar pumpkin

2 leeks, chopped

1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup olive oil

6 cups chicken stock

4 1/2 cups milk

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon Hungarian sweet paprika

1 pinch freshly ground black pepper

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions

Halve the pumpkin and scrape out the seeds and pith. Cut into 1 inch pieces. In a large skillet, saute the pumpkin, leeks, onion and garlic in olive oil. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer.

Strain vegetables, place in food processor and blend until smooth. Transfer puree to pot or crock pot; add enough milk to reach smooth consistency. Add the cayenne pepper, paprika, ground pepper and nutmeg; simmer for 30 minutes and do not allow to boil.