

## **Sahara Sweet Potato Soup**

A creamy peanut-infused sweet potato soup with chick peas, kale and exotic flavors from cumin, garlic and thyme.

**Yield:** 6 1 1/2 cup portions **Timing:** Prep time =20 min.

## **Ingredients**

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 c. fine chopped onion
- 1 1/2 c. peeled chopped sweet potato (1/2 in. cubes)
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 3 14.5 oz. cans (5 c.) chicken broth (can use low-sodium)
- ½ tsp. dried thyme or 1 Tbsp. fresh
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- ½ c. long grain rice or quinoa, uncooked
- 1 c. fine chopped fresh kale or spinach
- 1-15oz. can chick peas (garbanzo beans) or black beans, drained
- 1 c. mild thick & chunky salsa
- 1/3 c. creamy peanut butter

Optional Topping: 3 Tbsp. chopped peanuts and 3 Tbsp. chopped parsley or cilantro

## **Method**

Heat a large four-quart sauce pan on medium heat and add the oil until warm. Add onion and sauté until translucent; add sweet potato and garlic and cook about 5 minutes. Add the chicken broth, thyme, cumin and rice. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered until rice is tender, 15-20 minutes. Add the kale and cook until tender. Add chick peas, salsa and peanut butter. Stir to combine and heat thoroughly.

Sprinkle with ½ Tbsp. chopped peanuts and ½ Tbsp. parsley or cilantro per serving. Enjoy this exotic sweet potato soup that's delicious and healthy!

Time Saving Note: if you have left-over rice, add it to the soup just before serving.

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Photo Credit:simplehealthykitchen.com Nutrition Info per 1 ½ c. serving:

## Nutrition Facts Amount Per Serving Calories 336 Calories from Fat 124 Total Fat 13.8g 21% Saturated Fat 2.6g 13% Trans Fat 0.0g Cholesterol Omg 0% 41% Sodium 972mg Potassium 658mg 19% Total Carbohydrates 40.2g 13% 22% Dietary Fiber 5.4g Sugars 4.7g Protein 14.1g Vitamin C 43% Vitamin A 39% Calcium 6% Iron 28% Nutrition Grade A-Based on a 2000 calorie diet

Peanut allergies: Substitute almond or sunflower butter and sliced almonds or sunflower seeds.

Harvest of the Month is a national choices. Local participants include Jackson County Public Health, Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and



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