

Maple Spice Squash Butter (Refined Sugar-Free, Vegan, Paleo)



Ingredients

1.5 ID DUTTErnut squash seeds removed cut in hair (or use 1/2 a large one
2 cinnamon sticks
O.5 tsp ground cinnamon
O.1 tsp ground cloves
O.5 cup maple syrup (if using a smaller squash reduce to)
O.5 vanilla pod halved
10 servings water filtered for roasting

	2 star anise whole
Equipment	
	food processor
	bowl
	baking sheet
	sauce pan
	ladle
	oven
	baking pan
	aluminum foil
Directions	
	Preheat the oven to 400F.
	Place butternut squash halves on a large baking sheet with the cut side down.
	Add a few Tablespoons of filtered water to the bottom (this creates steam as it roasts).
	Place a piece of parchment over the squash, then cover with a aluminum foil and seal around the edges of the baking pan. Roast the squash for 60 minutes or, until the flesh is tender when pierced with a fork. Set aside until cool enough to handle.In the meantime heat the maple syrup with the cinnamon stick, halved and scrapped vanilla bean and anise star in the bottom of a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer. Cover, turn off heat and let infuse while the squash cooks. Once the squash is cooled strain the infused maple syrup into the bowl of a food processor reserving the whole spices. Scoop out the squash flesh and add it to the infused maple syrup in the bowl of the food processor.
	Add the ground cinnamon, cloves and lemon juice and puree until smooth.
	Pour the mixture back into the saucepan along with the reserved whole spices. Bring to a simmer and reduce heat; cook, uncovered, over low heat, stirring frequently, 20 to 25 minutes or until thick (it may spatter so keep an eye on it).
	Remove from heat; ladle into jar (I leave the whole spices in there so they can continue to impart flavor after jarred but you can fish them out now if you prefer). Cover; let cool to room temperature and store in refrigerator for a few weeks or the freezer for up to 6 months.

Nutrition Facts

Properties

Glycemic Index:5.15, Glycemic Load:3.97, Inflammation Score:-10, Nutrition Score:10.275652224603%

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 77.47kcal (3.87%), Fat: 0.15g (0.23%), Saturated Fat: 0.02g (0.12%), Carbohydrates: 19.65g (6.55%), Net Carbohydrates: 17.81g (6.48%), Sugar: 11.16g (12.4%), Cholesterol: Omg (0%), Sodium: 16.19mg (0.7%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: 0% (100%), Protein: 0.75g (1.5%), Vitamin A: 7235.64IU (144.71%), Manganese: 0.67mg (33.65%), Vitamin C: 14.36mg (17.41%), Vitamin B2: 0.22mg (12.89%), Potassium: 282.45mg (8.07%), Magnesium: 29.79mg (7.45%), Fiber: 1.84g (7.36%), Calcium: 67.08mg (6.71%), Vitamin E: 1mg (6.68%), Vitamin B6: 0.11mg (5.37%), Vitamin B1: 0.08mg (5.3%), Folate: 18.45µg (4.61%), Copper: 0.09mg (4.58%), Vitamin B3: 0.85mg (4.24%), Iron: 0.64mg (3.56%), Vitamin B5: 0.28mg (2.77%), Phosphorus: 23.89mg (2.39%), Zinc: 0.26mg (1.77%)