Apple Pumpkin Soup

Makes approximately 16 cups

2 tbsp. olive oil	1 can coconut milk
2 tbsp. butter	1 tbsp. maple syrup
2 cups onion, chopped fine	1 1/2 tsp. coarse grey sea salt
2 -3 cloves garlic, peeled and	1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
minced (or 1 tsp. garlic powder)	1 tsp. ground cinnamon
4 cups apple, cored and	1 tsp. dried thyme
chopped	1 tsp. dried, ground sage
6 cups <u>chicken stock</u>	1/8 tsp. ground cloves
3 cups pureed pumpkin (canned	1/2 tsp. ground or cracked
or cooked fresh)	green peppercorns
3-4 potatoes, scrubbed and	3/4 cup whipping (heavy)
diced	cream

- In large saucepan, saute onions in butter and olive oil over medium-low heat. When onions become translucent, add garlic and saute for another one or two minutes. Add diced apples and stir well, sauteing for several more minutes until apples become soft.
- 2. Add all remaining ingredients except cream. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are cooked. (About 20 minutes.)
- 3. Remove from heat. Using immersion blender, blend until smooth. (Or process in glass blender in batches and return to pot.)
- 4. Stir in cream. If desired, reheat slightly.
- 5. Serve. Can be garnished with a sprinkle of nutmeg.
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