## **Butternut Squash Soup**

## Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash (about 2-3 lbs), peeled, seeded, cubed
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or coconut milk (optional)
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg or cinnamon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

## Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Toss squash cubes, onion, and garlic with extra virgin olive oil, salt, and pepper until well coated, then spread evenly on a baking sheet and roast for 25–30 minutes until tender and caramelized.
- 2. Transfer roasted vegetables to a large pot or Dutch oven, add the broth, and bring to a gentle simmer for 10 minutes.
- 3. Blend the soup with an immersion blender until smooth and creamy, or carefully blend in batches in a blender.
- 4. Stir in the cream or coconut milk if using, then season with nutmeg, salt, and freshly ground black pepper.
- 5. Ladle into bowls and serve warm with bread or toppings you enjoy.

## **Note & Storage**

- Add a splash of apple cider before blending for extra depth.
- Stir in a pinch of cayenne or red pepper flakes for gentle heat.
- Pairs well with grilled cheese, focaccia, or a simple salad.
- Store in the fridge up to 4 days. Reheat gently on the stove.
- Freeze in portions up to 2 months. Thaw in the fridge overnight before reheating.