

PUMPKIN AND BACON SOUP

A PERFECT AUTUMNAL LUNCH

INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices back bacon (preferably nitritefree), sliced
- 3 leeks, (thoroughly washed), sliced
- 1 medium squash or pumpkin (about 500g peeled/deseeded), chopped
- 2 tbsp stock paste or 2 stock cubes dissolved in 900ml water
- 100ml cream
 (optional, for serving)



METHOD

- 1. Heat a little olive oil in the Instant Pot on the Sauté setting.
- 2. Add the leeks and cook until they begin to soften. Stir in the bacon and cook until lightly browned.
- 3. Add the squash (or pumpkin), stock paste or cubes, and water. Stir well.
- 4. Secure the lid and cook on Pressure Cook (high) for 15 minutes. Use a quick pressure release (QPR) once cooking is complete.
- 5. Blend the soup until smooth with a hand blender.
- 6. Serve hot, finishing with a swirl of fresh cream if desired.

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