More than 1 hour

Serves 4

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Ingredients:

Butternut soup base:

- 1½kg butternut, cubed
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) olive oil
- Salt and milled pepper
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- ½ Tbsp (7ml) ground cumin
- ½ Tbsp (7ml) ground cinnamon
- 2½ cups (625ml) vegetable stock
- 1½ cups (375ml) water
- 1-2 Tbsp (15-30ml) lemon juice
- ½ tub (125ml) cream
- ½ cup (60g) butter (optional)
- Glug of olive oil
- 3cm knob ginger, grated
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) tomato paste
- 3 Tbsp (45ml) smooth peanut butter
- ½-1 cup (125-250ml) vegetable stock or water
- 1 packet of PnP Livewell plain tofu
- Handful Swiss chard

For serving:

- Crispy fried tofu
- Salted peanuts

Fresh coriander

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
- 2. Arrange butternut on 2 or 3 baking trays, take care not to overcrowd the trays.
- 3. Drizzle with 2 Tbsp (30ml) olive oil and season.
- 4. Roast for about 30 minutes or until well browned.
- 5. Heat remaining oil in a large 6-8L pot and sauté onion and celery for 8-10 minutes or until golden.
- 6. Add spices and cook for a minute.
- 7. Add butternut and remaining ingredients, excluding cream and butter, and simmer partially covered for 30-45 minutes. Season.
- 8. Cool slightly and blitz with a stick blender until smooth.
- 9. Stir through cream and butter (if using).
- 10. Heat olive oil and fry ginger for a few seconds.
- 11. Add tomato paste and cook for 30 seconds.
- 12. Add 8 cups (2L) of the butternut soup base, peanut butter and vegetable stock or water and heat until steaming hot.
- 13. Cool down the rest of the butternut soup base in the fridge before freezing for future use.
- 14. Add a handful of Swiss chard to soup and allow it to wilt.
- 15. Serve soup topped with tofu, salted peanuts, and fresh coriander.

COOK'S NOTE

If you don't have time to make your own butternut soup, store-bought works well too.

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