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## **Pumpkin Pasta Sauce**

### **Ingredients**

- 1 16 oz. box whole wheat penne
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small white onion, finely chopped
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. dried sage
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 10.5 oz can cream of chicken soup
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- Pepper and nutmeg to taste

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### **Directions**

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to boil. Add pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain once cooked.
- 2. While pasta is cooking, heat olive oil over medium heat in a skillet. Add onion and sauté 6-7 minutes or until soft. Add garlic, sage, and cinnamon. Cook for an additional 2 minutes.
- 3. In a separate bowl, mix the low-sodium broth with the cream of chicken soup. Slowly pour into the olive oil mixture.
- 4. Stir in pumpkin and lower the heat. Simmer for 5 minutes or until thickened. If sauce is too thick, add a little low-sodium broth or milk to thin.
- 5. Serve over pasta and enjoy!

Want spicy? Try adding black pepper or a tsp. of hot pepper sauce and a pinch of nutmeg to your sauce! A garnish of parsley, nutmeg, or parmesan cheese adds flavor and color!

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