## BACON BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

preparation: 20 min total time: I hour and 30 minutes yields 5 servings

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**NGREDENTS** 2 medium butternut squash Cooking spray Black pepper 4 cloves garlic 2 celery stocks I red bell pepper 3 cups chicken broth 3 tbsp butter 1/4 cup half & half 2 tsp paprika Thick cut strips of bacon

## INSTRUCTIONS

I. Preheat the oven to 425'F

2. Slit holes all over the butternut squashes and put into the microwave for 2 minutes, this makes cutting the butternut squash in half easier 3. Cut butternut squash in half, scooping out the seeds, and rub oil over the squash, season with salt and pepper as needed 4. Bake the squash face down for 45-60 min 5. As the squash is baking, sautee garlic, chopped celerv and bell pepper 6. Once the squash is tender, scoop it out into the blender. Add the sautéed vegetables, chicken broth. butter, half and half, and paprika 7. Blend the ingredients until the mixture is smooth 8. Cook the bacon to your preference, chop it up and layer it on top of the warm bowl of homemade SOUD