Cream of Spinach Soup

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This creamy, velvety soup is great for a starter but also for a filling lunch. Sprinkle with some croutons and a little Parmesan cheese for extra flavour.

Ingredients:

500g spinach leaves 500ml chicken stock 1 garlic clove, minced 1 small onion 50g butter 50g flour 250ml double cream 250ml milk Salt and pepper

Directions:

1. Finely chop the onion and roughly chop the spinach. Put into a saucepan with the chicken stock and garlic clove. Bring to the boil then reduce to a simmer and cook until the spinach is tender, around 5 minutes.

2. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the flour. Stirring all the while, cook for 3-4 minutes. Gradually add the milk, stirring constantly until fully combined and very smooth, then add the cream and bring to a simmer.

3. Pour the cream mixture into the spinach mixture and simmer for 10 minutes. Put into a blender and then blitz until smooth. If you like, pass it through a blender to make it even smoother. Season well with salt and pepper.

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