

# Squash and Bacon Alfredo

with Fried Sage Leaves

Quick

25 Minutes





**Bacon Strips** 





Linguine









Garlic, cloves



Parmesan Cheese,



Cream Sauce Spice shredded Blend





Onion, chopped



Garlic Salt



## Start here

- Before starting, add 10 cups water and 2 tsp salt to a large pot (use same for 4 ppl). Cover and bring to a boil over high heat.
- Wash and dry all produce.

#### **Bust out**

Colander, measuring spoons, potato masher, slotted spoon, medium pot, measuring cups, large pot, large non-stick pan, paper towels

## Ingredients

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	2 Person	4 Person
Bacon Strips	100 g	200 g
Chicken Breasts	2	4
Linguine	170 g	340 g
Butternut Squash, cubes	170 g	340 g
Cream	113 ml	237 ml
Garlic, cloves	2	4
Parmesan Cheese, shredded	¼ cup	½ cup
Cream Sauce Spice Blend	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Sage	7 g	7 g
Onion, chopped	56 g	113 g
Garlic Salt	1 tsp	2 tsp
Unsalted Butter*	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Salt and Pepper*		

- \* Pantry items
- \*\* Cook chicken and pork to minimum internal temperatures of 74°C/165°F and 71°C/160°F, respectively.
- \* Vacuum-pack guarantees maximum freshness but can lead to small colour changes and a stronger scent. Both will disappear 3 minutes after opening.

## **Allergens**

Hey home cooks! Please refer to the website or app for the as-prepared recipe nutritional information.

Ingredients are packaged in a facility that also handles egg, fish, crustacean, shellfish, milk, mustard, peanuts, sesame, soy, sulphites, tree nuts and wheat.

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#### Cook bacon

- Heat a large non-stick pan over medium-high heat.
- While the pan heats, line a plate with paper towels.
- Cut **bacon** crosswise into ½-inch strips. (TIP: Use kitchen shears to cut bacon with ease!)
- When the pan is hot, add bacon. Cook, stirring occasionally, until crispy, 5-7 min.\*\*
   (TIP: Reduce heat to medium if bacon is browning too quickly!)
- Remove from heat. Using a slotted spoon, transfer **bacon** to the paper towel-lined plate.
   Set aside.
- Reserve **bacon fat** in the pan. (NOTE: You will use the pan with bacon fat in step 5.)



## Cook linguine

- Meanwhile, add linguine to the boiling water.
   Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender,
   10-12 min.
- Reserve ½ cup pasta water (dbl for 4 ppl), then drain linguine and return to the same pot, off heat.



#### Prep

- Meanwhile, peel, then mince or grate garlic.
- Strip sage leaves from stems. (NOTE: You will use leaves and stems.)

If you've opted to add **chicken breasts**, pat **chicken** dry with paper towels. Season with **salt** and **pepper**. Reheat the pan with **reserved bacon fat** over medium. When hot, add **chicken**. Panfry on one side until golden, 6-7 min. Flip, then cover and continue cooking, until cooked through, 6-7 min.\*\* Use the same pan to fry **sage** in step 5.



#### Make sauce

- Heat a medium pot over medium heat.
- When hot, add 1 tbsp butter (dbl for 4 ppl), then onions, garlic, Cream Sauce Spice Blend and sage stems. Cook, stirring often, until fragrant, 1-2 min.
- Add squash, cream, garlic salt and ¼ cup water (dbl for 4 ppl). Season with pepper. Bring to a boil over high.
- Once boiling, reduce heat to medium, then cook until **squash** is tender, 10-12 min.
- Remove from heat, then carefully discard sage stems.
- Using a potato masher, carefully mash sauce until it reaches desired creaminess.



## Fry sage leaves

- Meanwhile, reheat the pan with reserved bacon fat over medium-high.
- When hot, add **sage leaves**. Fry until crisp, 1 min.
- Using a slotted spoon, transfer fried sage leaves to the paper-towel lined plate with bacon. Set aside.



#### Finish and serve

- Add spinach, sauce, half the bacon and half the Parmesan to the pot with linguine. Season with pepper, then stir until spinach wilts, 1 min. (TIP: For a lighter sauce consistency, add reserved pasta water, 1-2 tbsp at a time, if desired.)
- Divide **linguine** between bowls. Sprinkle **fried sage leaves, remaining bacon** and **remaining Parmesan** over top.

Thinly slice chicken. Top pasta with chicken.

**Dinner Solved!**