

Squash and Bacon Alfredo

with Fried Sage Leaves

Quick 25 Minutes



This fuzzy and leafy herb is both fragrant and flavourful!

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

Ingredients

| | 2 Person | 4 Person |
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| 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 |
| Baby Spinach | 56 g | 113 g |
| 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 pork to a minimum internal temperature of 71°C/160°F and chicken to a minimum internal temperature of 74°C/165°F, as size may vary. 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 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 ¹/₂ 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.

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. Cook on one side until golden, 6-7 min. Flip, then cover and continue cooking until cooked through, 6-7 min.** Meanwhile, make sauce and cook linguine. When chicken is done, reserve fat in the pan for frying sage in step 5. Before plating linguine, thinly slice chicken. Top plated dish with chicken.



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

1/4 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 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.

Dinner Solved!