## **Carrot Ginger Soup**

2 Tablespoons unsalted butter

2 onions, chopped fine

¼ cup minced crystallized ginger

1 Tablespoon grated fresh ginger

2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed

Salt and pepper

1 teaspoon sugar

2 pounds carrots, peeled & sliced ¼ inch thick

4 cups water

1 ½ cups carrot juice

2 sprigs fresh thyme

½ teaspoon baking soda

1 Tablespoon cider vinegar

Chopped chives

Sour cream



Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onions, crystallized ginger, fresh ginger, garlic, 2 teaspoons salt, and sugar; cook, stirring frequently, until onions are softened but not browned, 5 to 7 minutes.

Increase heat to high; add carrots, water, 3/4 cup carrot juice, thyme sprigs, and baking soda and bring to simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, until carrots are very tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Discard thyme sprigs. Working in batches, process soup in blender until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Return soup to clean pot and stir in vinegar and remaining 3/4 cup carrot juice. (Soup can be refrigerated for up to 4 days.) Return to simmer over medium heat and season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with sprinkle of chives and dollop of sour cream.

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