Butternut Squash with Savory Chicken Soboro Sauce かぼちゃ(バターナッツ南瓜)の鶏そぼろあん

Servings: 2

Prep time: 10 minutes | Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 300 g butternut squash, peeled and cut into 2–3 cm cubes
- 120 g ground chicken (or pork)
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 150 ml water + 1 tsp Kevala coconut aminos (as stock substitute)
- 1 tbsp sake
- 1 tbsp mirin
- 1 tsp sugar (or to taste)
- 1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce (or coconut aminos for full substitution)
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1 tsp potato starch (katakuriko), dissolved in 1 tbsp water
- Chopped green onions or sesame seeds for garnish

Instructions

- 1. Heat sesame oil in a medium saucepan or small Dutch oven over medium heat. Add ground chicken and cook, stirring, until crumbly and lightly browned.
- 2. Add grated ginger, sake, mirin, sugar, soy sauce (or coconut aminos), and the 150 ml water. Stir and bring to a gentle simmer.
- 3. Add the butternut squash pieces. Cover and simmer on low heat for 10–12 minutes, or until the squash is tender but not falling apart.
- 4. Stir the katakuriko-water mixture to reblend, then pour into the pan. Stir gently until the sauce thickens and coats the squash and chicken evenly.
- 5. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Serve hot, garnished with chopped green onion or sesame seeds.

Notes

- Substitute ground chicken with tofu crumbles for a lighter version.
- Pairs beautifully with genmai (brown rice) and a side of ohitashi or miso soup.
- For a richer flavor, add a few drops of sesame oil just before serving.

Nutrition (per serving)

Kcal: ~310 | Protein: ~18 g | Fat: ~10 g | Sat. Fat: ~2 g | Carbs: ~33 g | Sugars: ~11 g | Fiber: ~4 g | Sodium: ~520 mg | Omega-3: ~0.15 g

