Butternut Squash Apple Soup

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Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 2 T butter
- 1 butternut squash, peeled and chopped (6-8 cups)
- 1 tart green apple, peeled, cored, chopped
- 3 cups chicken or vegetable broth or stock
- 1 cup water

Directions:

- 1. Heat a large thick-bottomed pot on medium-high heat. Melt the butter in the pot and let it foam up and recede. Add the onion, carrot, and celery and sauté for 5 minutes. Lower the heat if the vegetables begin to brown.
- 2. Add the butternut squash, apple, broth and water. Bring to boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes or so, until the squash and carrots have softened.
- Use an immersion blender to purée the soup, or work in batches and purée the soup in a standing blender.
- 4. Add pinches of nutmeg, cinnamon, and cayenne. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley or chives.

