

SWEET CORN SOUP WITH POBLANO PEPPERS

Save some fresh corn for this sweet summer soup! The fresher, the better.

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Featured Food: Corn

Yield: serves 6-8

Ingredients

For Soup:	6 c. water
4 c. roasted corn stock (see recipe below)	For Garnish:
¼ c. unsalted butter	½ c. corn stock
1 t. salt	½ c. corn kernels
Corn kernels, reserve ½ c.	1 T. shallots, peeled and finely diced
2 T. fresh cilantro	1 ½ c. green poblano pepper, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced
Salt and pepper to taste	1 c. red pepper, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced
Garnish (see recipe below)	1 T. minced chives
For Roasted Corn Stock:	1 ½ T. extra virgin olive oil
10 scraped corn cobs (after kernels have been removed)	1 ½ T. apple cider vinegar
2 T. canola oil	Salt and pepper to taste
½ c. large diced white onion	

Preparation

For Soup:

In a saucepan, melt butter. Add all of the corn kernels except for ½ cup and add the salt.

Cover and cook until tender on medium-low heat for about 10 minutes. Add corn stock and simmer covered until kernels are very tender, about 30 minutes.

Remove from the heat and transfer to a blender. Puree until smooth and strain through a fine mesh sieve.

Season with fresh cilantro, salt and pepper. Serve warm with a spoonful of garnish atop each bowl.

For Roasted Corn Stock:

Coat the corn cob pieces with oil and lay them on a baking sheet. Roast, turning occasionally for about 30 minutes or until browned. Sprinkle onion over the cobs, spray with vegetable oil cooking spray and roast for seven minutes or until onion softens.

In a large stockpot, combine the cobs, onion and water. Bring to a low simmer over medium-low heat and cook for one hour or until liquid is reduced to 4 1/2 cups. Strain the broth through a fine-mesh sieve. Let cool.

Roasted Corn Stock recipe from Taste Pure and Simple: Irresistible Recipes for Good Food and Good Health by Michael Nischan.

For Garnish:

Bring remaining corn stock to a boil. Add the reserved corn kernels and simmer for one minute. Remove from the heat and strain through a fine mesh sieve, discarding the stock.

In a bowl, combine the corn kernels and remaining ingredients. Mix to combine and season with salt and pepper as needed.