Zucchini or Turai soup with Corn and Spinach

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Ingredients: Serves 4

- One medium onion chopped
- Two cloves garlic chopped
- One pound. zucchini or turai (3 medium) peeled and chopped
- Three cups vegetable broth (or water)
- Ten to twelve cashews or some number blanched almonds or fistful of soaked peanuts
- Half cup corn kernels
- Half cup baby spinach chopped
- Himalayan pink salt to taste
- Half teaspoon cumin seeds
- Black pepper to taste (can use Thai green chili)

Garnish

- Dry toasted Corn (See below)
- Black peppercorn powder
- Few sprigs of fresh coriander

Directions

- 1.. Put three cups vegetable broth or water into large pot and bring to boil.
- 2. Add onions, garlic, zucchini, cumin seeds, green chilis, and cashews/ almonds or peanuts into the pot.
- 3. Cook the mixture for 20-25 minutes until zucchini softens.
- 4. While the vegetables are boiling, cook the roast the corn kernels in dry skillet until golden brow. Set these aside.
- 5. Cool the cooked mixture of zucchini, and blend until smooth and creamy.
- 6. Return blended soup into pot and bring to boil. Add the spinach to soup and cook for 5 minutes until spinach gets wilted.
- 7. Add the salt before pouring the hot soup in serving bowls. Add the toasted corn, fresh coriander. Sprinkle desired amount of peppercorn.
 - 1. Add toasted corn and season with pepper before serving.