

GREEN GUMBO

Courtesy of The Remedy Kitchen

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1-1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 Tbsp Cajun seasoning
- 1 ham hock
- 10 cups water
- 14 cups assorted greens, chopped (i.e., kale, collards, mustard greens, spinach, etc.)

- Salt
- 1-pound smoked andouille sausage (optional)
- Gumbo File powder to taste (optional)

CAJUN SEASONING

- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 2 Tbsp sweet paprika

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Toss chopped butternut squash with olive oil and 1 teaspoon salt. Roast until butternut squash is fork tender, about 20 minutes. Let cool while you prepare the biscuits.
- 2. Make the Roux: Heat the oil over medium heat for a minute or two and then stir in the flour. Stir constantly so there are no lumps. Cook over medium heat until the roux is the color of chocolate.
- 3. Heat Water: While the roux is cooking, bring the 10 cups of water to a simmer.
- **4.** Add Vegetables: Add onions, celery, and green peppers and turn the heat to medium. Stir occasionally, until the vegetables soften. Add the garlic and cook another 1-2 minutes.
- **5.** Add Spices: Add bay leaves, the Cajun spice and slowly stir in the hot water. Theroux will seize up at first but keep stirring and it will all come together in a silky broth.
- **6.** Add Ham Hock and Greens: Add the ham hock and all the greens. Taste for salt, but remember the ham hock will be salty, so let the broth be a little under-salted for now. If

you want to add more Cajun spice, do so now. Cover the pot and simmer gently for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

- **7.** Remove Ham Hock: When the meat is falling off the bone, remove ham hock, discard bones, chop meat and return it to the pot.
- **8.** Add Sausage: Once the hock is ready, add the andouille sausage and cook for another 15 minutes. Enjoy!