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## Pumpkin & Mushroom Barley Risotto



## **Tips**

Pre-roast your pumpkin! Do this at 200 degrees in the oven for about 40 mins, with a drizzle of olive oil and some mixed herbs.

I use like chestnut or shitake mushrooms. Pick your favourites or even better a mix of all of them!

## **Ingredients**

- 250-300g of pumpkin or butternut squash (pre-roasted)
- 100-150g of sliced mushrooms
- 1 onion, diced into small pieces
- Pearl barley (1 large handful per person)
- 1 green oxo cube
- Herbs: Chives, thyme & rosemary
- 1 tablespoon of low fat cream cheese

## **Preparation**

- 1. To make your life easy, start by boiling your pearl barley in a saucepan for about 30 minutes. Drain and put to the side.
- In another deep frying pan or saucepan fry off the chopped onion with a glug of olive oil and the oxo cube. When they become translucent, add the mushrooms.
- 3. Once the mushrooms have started to cook (about 5-10 mins) then add in your pre-cooked barley and pumpkin.
- 4. Add your cream cheese and the first half of your chives then mix thoroughly.
- 5. Divide into bowls and sprinkle with the remaining chives and dress with some cracked black pepper.