Creamy Cauliflower & Red Pepper Soup

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SERVINGS: 4 (1 ¼ C. serving size)

TIP

If you do not have an immersion blender, you may use a standard blender or food processor. Cool soup before blending as the heat can blow the top off small appliances. Reheat and then add half & half. For a creamier texture, you may sub heavy whipping cream in place of half & half; adjust nutrition info.

INGREDIENTS (soup)

6 C. cauliflower florets (cut in bite size pieces)

2 C. diced red bell pepper (cut in bite size pieces)

2 T. avocado or olive oil

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper

3 ½ C. chicken or chicken bone broth

1 T. dried minced onion

1 tsp. Hungarian or smoked paprika

½ tsp. dried thyme

½ C. half & half

INGREDIENTS (toppings), optional

Chopped fresh parsley

Shredded parmesan cheese

Red pepper flakes

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Place cauliflower florets, red pepper and oil in a large resealable plastic bag. Seal bag and shake gently to coat veggies with oil.
- Spread veggies evenly on a rimmed baking sheet.
 Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper.
- Place baking sheet on lower shelf of oven and roast 25 minutes. Turn veggies over and roast an additional 15 minutes.
- 5. Place roasted veggies in a large saucepan; add broth, dried minced onion, paprika and thyme. Stir.
- 6. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes.
- Using an immersion blender, blend until smooth. Stir in half & half and heat through. Adjust seasonings to taste, if necessary.