Leek and Parsnip Soup

Makes 8 cups

The original version of this recipe comes from the NY Times food section. Connie made some adjustments and served it to us at our cookbook dinner. I made a change myself to use a food processor and strain each batch to assure smoothness.

Ingredients:

- 6 medium parsnips
- 4 large leeks
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil (divided)
- 3 Tbsp. butter (divided)
- 2 tsp. coarse salt (divided)
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. ground turmeric
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 6 cups water
- 6 tsp. vegetable broth concentrate
- 6 Tbsp. Greek Yogurt or olive oil



Equipment:

- Dutch oven
- Food processor
- Large (8 cup) bowl

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V	Directions	Time	(min)	
	Trim 4 leeks and rinse repeatedly until all the	2		
	grit and dirt is removed			
	Cut leeks into 1/2" pieces	1		
	Peel 6 parsnips and then cut into 1/2" pieces	3		
	In a Dutch oven heat 1 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil, 1 1/2			
	Tbsp. butter and 1 tsp salt and then sauté the	8	-	
	leeks			
	Remove leeks to a separate dish. Heat 1 1/2			
	Tbsp. olive oil, 1 1/2 Tbsp. butter and 1 tsp. salt	8		
	and then sauté parsnips			
	Return the leeks to the Dutch oven. Heat until			
	nearly caramelized but without browning			
	Peel and mince 4 cloves of garlic	3	12	
	Combine 1 cup hot tap water with 6 tsp.	2	12	
	vegetable broth concentrate			
	Add 1 tsp. turmeric, garlic and stir to coat	1		
	Add 5 cups hot tap water and vegetable broth	1		
	Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer	30		
	Taste broth and adjust seasoning (salt or	1		
	pepper)			
	In a food processor, process 2 cups at a time	6		
	and strain the puree into a large bowl.			
	Return soup to the Dutch oven and reheat	5		
	Serve in dishes. Garnish with olive oil or yogurt	2		
,	Total	1 hr. 19 min		