

Butternut Squash Steak w/ Kale Salad

Ingredients:

Butternut Squash Steak

1 large butternut squash

1 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp butter, cut into pieces

6 sage leaves, chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

salt freshly ground pepper to taste

1 apple, sliced thin

¼ cup pepitas

Kale Salad

1/2 large

bunch of kale, rinsed, stems removed, and chopped

1/8 cup olive oil

2 Tbsp lemon juice

Salt to taste

Optional: 1-2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes and 1/8 cup grated hard, dry cheese (parmesan or aged gouda)

Directions for Butternut Steak:

- 1. Cut the neck off of squash and save the base for another use. Trim the stem off the neck then peel.
- 2. Rest the neck on cut base, cut in half lengthwise, creating two halves. Trim off outer rounded side of each piece to create two $\frac{3}{4}$ -thick steaks (about 6 oz. per steak). Save the trimmed off sides for another use.
- 3. Heat oil in a large heavy skillet over medium. Cook squash steaks, turning every 3 minutes, until deeply browned on both sides and fork-tender, about 15 minutes.
- 4. Add butter, sage, and garlic to skillet, tilt pan toward you so that butter pools on one side, and use a large spoon to continually baste steaks with butter. Cook, basting until beginning to brown -for about 1 minute.
- 5. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice; season with salt and pepper.
- 6. Top with Kale salad, fresh apple slices, and pepitas.

Directions for Kale Salad:

- 1. Rinse kale and pat dry.
- 2. Chop kale, add olive oil, lemon juice, and salt.
- 3. Massage thoroughly.

(gets better as it sits)