

## sausage and butternut squash skillet supper

## ingredients

2 pounds good-quality fresh italian sweet sausage, casings removed a fat handful sage--2 tbsp. finely chopped, 2 tbsp. coarsely chopped

1 teaspoon fennel seed

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves or ground allspice

coarsely ground black pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

11/2 pounds butternut, cheese or red kuri squash--peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch cubes

1 large onion, chopped

4 cloves garlic, sliced

1 small fresh fresno or red jalapeno chile pepper, finely chopped, or 1 tsp. crushed red pepper

1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

salt

1/2 cup chicken stock

a wooden spoon

in a medium bowl, mix the sausage, finely chopped sage, fennel seed, cloves and lots of coarsely ground black pepper.

in a Dutch oven or a large skillet with a lid, heat the olive oil, two turns of the pan, over medium-high. add the sausage mixture and cook, breaking into large pieces with the back of a spoon, until browned, about 6 minutes.

add the squash, onion, garlic, chile, nutmeg and coarsely chopped sage; season with salt and pepper. cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables begin to soften, 2 to 3 minutes. add the stock and cover. reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the squash is tender, 18 to 20 minutes.



tobacco, weed, beer and whiskey are all made from plants...

i think i might be a vegetarian

