

Baby Carrots with California Dried Figs & Ginger

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INGREDIENTS

1 pound whole baby carrots

4 tablespoons butter

8 each California dried Mission figs: minced or thinly sliced

4 each garlic cloves: minced

2 tablespoons fresh ginger (¼ oz): minced

½ cup chopped cilantro

pinch salt pinch pepper

juice of 1/2 lime

Garnish

cilantro sprigs

PROCEDURE

Peel the carrots. Put the carrots in broad skillet so the carrots lay flat. Add enough water to cover the carrots. Add a pinch of salt. Bring the water to a boil, then simmer until the carrots are tender. Carefully pour off all of the water.

Return the skillet to the heat. Add the butter to the skillet. Add the minced figs, garlic and ginger. Slowly sauté the carrots with the figs and the ginger until the ingredients are lightly caramelized. Add the chopped cilantro, salt and pepper, and lime juice. Quickly stir to wilt the cilantro. Transfer the carrots to a serving platter. Spoon the fig and ginger mixture over the carrots. Garnish with additional cilantro sprigs and serve.

Note: Alternatively, slice carrots can be used as well

Serves 4