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Anti-Aging Asparagus Soup

This soup makes an excellent meal all on its own, thanks to healthy fats from coconut milk, protein from healing collagen power, and phytonutrients from asparagus, leeks, and garlic. Those benefits also make it a great way to fight the aging process and support a resilient body. It's creamy and filling with just the right amount of spice from fresh ginger and smoked paprika, though you can use less of these ingredients if you prefer.

2 bunches asparagus

1 tsp. smoked paprika

¼ c. pepitas

1 tsp. garlic powder

3 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp avocado oil

½ tsp sea salt

**1 medium white onion, finely
diced**

Grated zest of 1 lemon

**2 Tbsp. micro-grated peeled
fresh ginger**

**1 cup full-fat unsweetened
coconut milk**

3 ½ large leeks, chopped

**4 scoops (about ½ c.) collagen
power (optional)**

3 Tbsp. coconut aminos

Freshly ground black pepper

**4 cups (32 ounces) vegetable
broth**

**Cut 4 of the asparagus spears into thirds and set aside for garnish.
Roughly chop the remaining spears.**

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Heat a medium sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add the pepitas and continuously stir and shake until the seeds are fragrant and toasted, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat the 3 tablespoons of avocado oil in a large pot over medium, heat until shimmering. Add the onion and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the ginger, leeks, and coconut aminos, stir well, and cook down for 5 minutes. Add the copped asparagus, broth, paprika, garlic power, and salt and bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat and add the lemon zest and coconut milk.

Remove soup from the heat and allow to cool for several minutes. Pout into a blender, add the collagen powder (if using) and blend until smooth.

Heat the remaining 1 teaspoon avocado oil in a small sauté pan over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the reserved asparagus spears and lightly sauté until tender, about 3 minutes.

To serve, divide the soup among four bowl and sauteed asparagus in the center of each bowl. Sprinkle with pepitas and freshly ground pepper.

Serves 4, ~ 12 ounces

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