## Creamy Cabbage Soup With Gruyère

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1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 potato, peeled and grated

3/4 pound cabbage, cored and shredded (about 1/2 medium head)

salt to taste

5 cups water, chicken or vegetable stock

1 Parmesan rind

freshly ground pepper to taste

2 cups low-fat milk

1 cup grated Gruyere cheese

 $6 - \frac{1}{2}$  inch thick slices of french bread, toasted and cut into small squares

- Heat the oil over medium heat in a large, heavy soup pot. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until tender, about 5 minutes.
- Add the grated potato, the shredded cabbage and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir together for a minute, taking care that the potatoes don't stick to the pot, and add the water or stock, the Parmesan rind and salt and pepper to taste.
- Bring to a simmer, cover and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes, until the vegetables are tender.
- Add the milk to the soup. Stir to combine well and heat through without boiling. A handful at a time, stir the Gruyère into the soup and continue to stir until the cheese has melted.
- Taste and adjust seasonings. Remove the Parmesan rind. Serve, garnishing each bowl with a handful or toasted croutons.



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