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Stuffed Eggplant Parmesan

Makes 4 servings. Published in recipes.com.

Ingredients

2 (10-oz.) eggplants 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided 1 cup chopped Vidalia sweet onion 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 small tomato, chopped (about 1 cup)

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped fresh basil

2 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded (about 3/4 cup)

³/₄ cup Italian-seasoned panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs), divided

1½ cups jarred pasta sauce, divided

2 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, torn into small pieces (about 1/2 cup)

1½ ounces Parmesan cheese, shredded (about 1/2 cup)

Small fresh basil leaves, for topping

Nutritional info

Calories: 390
Total Fat: 21g
Cholesterol: 116mg
Sodium: 1395mg
Protein: 20g
Carbohydrates: 33g
Vitamin D: 9mcg

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Partially peel eggplants in 1-inch strips, using a vegetable peeler. Cut eggplants in half lengthwise. Score eggplant pulp in a crosshatch pattern. (Do not cut through the skin. This will make it easier to remove pulp after it is baked.) Brush eggplants with 1 tablespoon of the canola oil, and place in a 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Bake in preheated oven 40 minutes. Remove pulp from eggplants, using a serrated tomato corer or melon baller, leaving a 1/2-inch shell intact. Set shells aside. Coarsely chop pulp, and place in a medium bowl.
- 2. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a small skillet over medium-high. Add onion to skillet; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Add thyme, garlic, and salt to skillet; cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute.
- 3. Add onion mixture and chopped tomato to eggplant pulp. Add eggs, basil, shredded mozzarella, and 1/2 cup of the breadcrumbs; toss to coat. Coat a 13- x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread 1/2 cup of the pasta sauce in bottom of dish. Place eggplant shells in dish. Divide tomato mixture evenly among eggplant shells. Top with remaining 1 cup pasta sauce and 1/4 cup breadcrumbs. Sprinkle with torn mozzarella and Parmesan.
- 4. Bake eggplants in preheated oven until cheese is melted and top is browned, 35 to 40 minutes. Top eggplants with basil leaves.