

Mama Voula's Spanakopita

Vegetarian







SIDE DISH

ANTIPASTI

STARTER

SNACK

Ingredients

Ш	2.5 pounds baby spinach dried fresh rinsed
	0.5 teaspoon pepper black freshly ground
	3 large eggs lightly beaten
	2 cups feta cheese firm crumbled
	0.5 cup optional: dill fresh finely chopped
	0.5 cup mint leaves fresh finely chopped
	4 garlic clove minced
	6 leek light white green rinsed chopped well

	3 tablespoons olive oil extra virgin extra-virgin plus more for brushing
	2 sheets puff pastry frozen chilled country-style thawed (see Note)
Εq	uipment
	frying pan
	oven
	knife
	baking pan
	colander
Diı	rections
	Preheat the oven to 350°F.
	Place a large skillet over medium-high heat and coat with the 3 tablespoons of oil. When the oil is hazy, add the leeks and garlic; cook and stir until fragrant and very soft, about 4 minutes.
	Add the spinach in handfuls, folding the leaves under with a spoon as you add each batch.
	Let the spinach wilt and cook down before adding more. Once all the spinach is in the pan, season with the pepper.
	Remove from the heat and transfer the spinach mixture to a colander over the sink. Using the back of a spoon, gently press out all of the excess liquid. Set aside to cool; the filling needs to cool down a bit to prevent the dough from becoming soggy. Once the mixture is cool, add the feta, dill, mint, and eggs. Fold the ingredients together until well combined.
	Brush the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with oil. Working with 1 sheet at a time, lay the dough on a lightly floured surface and roll it out slightly to fit the pan. Line the bottom of the dish with the first piece of dough, pressing into the corners. Trim off any excess with a paring knife.
	Spread the spinach filling evenly over the dough. Cover with the second sheet of dough, trimming around the edges of the dish.
	Brush the top with oil.
	Bake until the top is puffed and golden brown, about 30 to 35 minutes.
	Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting into squares.
	Serve warm or at room temperature.

Ingredient Note—Filo			
In the villages of Greece, filo dough is typically rolled out by hand, but unless you are very accomplished, it's nearly impossible to stretch it as thin as it is produced by machine. Mama Voula makes her spinach pie as it is served in her native village of Kalamata, with a slightly thicker filo instead of the typical tissue–thin sheets. Sold under the label "country–style filo" (called horiatiko in Greek), the sheets are thicker and more elastic than the usual thin and fragile filo. If country–style filo is not available in your market's freezer section, go ahead and substitute puff pastry.			
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Nutrition Facts			

PROTEIN 11.62% FAT 58.53% CARBS 29.85%

Glycemic Index:18.67, Glycemic Load:12.55, Inflammation Score:-10, Nutrition Score:30.091739177704%

Flavonoids

Properties

Eriodictyol: 0.58mg, Eriodictyol: 0.58mg, Eriodictyol: 0.58mg, Eriodictyol: 0.58mg Hesperetin: 0.19mg, Hesperetin: 0.19mg, Hesperetin: 0.19mg, Apigenin: 0.1mg, Apigenin: 0.1mg,

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 392.79kcal (19.64%), Fat: 26.17g (40.26%), Saturated Fat: 8.22g (51.39%), Carbohydrates: 30.03g (10.01%), Net Carbohydrates: 26.3g (9.56%), Sugar: 2.49g (2.77%), Cholesterol: 68.75mg (22.92%), Sodium: 490.01mg (21.3%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 11.69g (23.37%), Vitamin K: 486.66µg (463.49%), Vitamin A: 10007.68IU (200.15%), Manganese: 1.35mg (67.28%), Folate: 262.65µg (65.66%), Vitamin C: 34.47mg (41.78%), Vitamin B2: 0.59mg (34.57%), Iron: 5.19mg (28.84%), Selenium: 19.01µg (27.15%), Calcium: 264.99mg (26.5%), Magnesium: 102.87mg (25.72%), Vitamin B6: 0.44mg (22.12%), Vitamin E: 3.23mg (21.53%), Vitamin B1: 0.31mg (20.75%), Phosphorus: 199.7mg (19.97%), Potassium: 695.33mg (19.87%), Fiber: 3.73g (14.9%), Vitamin B3: 2.89mg (14.46%), Copper: 0.25mg (12.65%), Zinc: 1.7mg (11.35%), Vitamin B12: 0.53µg (8.9%), Vitamin B5: 0.58mg (5.78%), Vitamin D: 0.35µg (2.33%)