

Vegetarian Spinach and Mushroom Lasagna

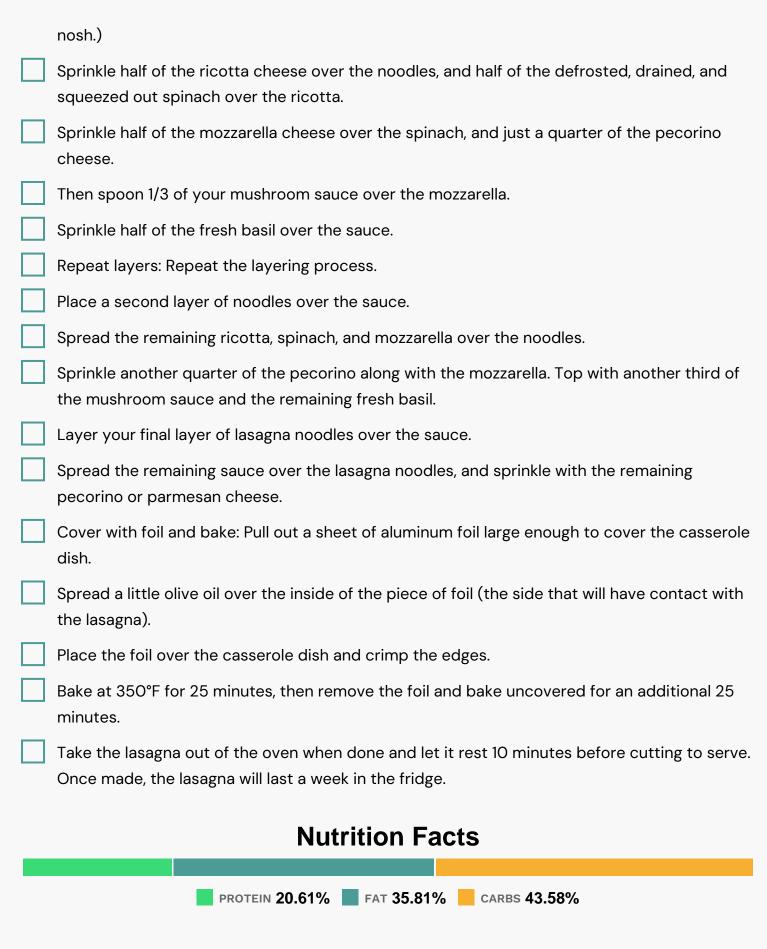


Ingredients

1.5 pound cremini mushrooms roughly chopped
0.5 pound mushroom caps roughly chopped
8 servings salt
1 cup onions generous chopped
0.3 cup olive oil extra virgin plus more for keeping the noodles from sticking to each other
4 teaspoons garlic chopped
6 ounce tomato paste canned
2 cups tomato sauce

	28 ounce canned tomatoes with basil) crushed canned
	1 cup water
	1 tablespoon thyme leaves dried
	0.5 teaspoon pepper flakes red
	1 tablespoon sugar
	20 ounce pkt spinach frozen thawed chopped
	1 pound lasagna noodles (16 to 20 noodles)
	1 ounce ricotta cheese
	0.3 cup basil fresh chopped
	1 cup pecorino cheese grated (or Parmesan)
	4 cups mozzarella cheese shredded
Eq	uipment
	frying pan
	baking sheet
	oven
	pot
	casserole dish
	wooden spoon
	aluminum foil
	stove
	kitchen timer
	colander
Di	rections
	Place mushrooms in a large (6 to 8 quart) sauté pan on high or medium high heat. Stir them with a wooden spoon or shake the pan from time to time. You may hear them squeak.
	Sprinkle salt over the mushrooms. The mushrooms will sizzle and then start to release water. (Note that you are not adding fat at this point to the pan; this method of cooking mushrooms

in their own moisture is called "dry sauteing.)
Once the mushrooms start to release water into the pan, stir in the chopped onions. Cook until the mushrooms are no longer releasing moisture and the mushroom water has boiled away, about 5 minutes more.
Add the olive oil to the mushrooms and stir to coat. Sauté the mushrooms and onions for about a minute.
Add the garlic and cook for another minute.
Stir in the tomato paste, cook for a minute longer. Reserve 1 cup of the tomato sauce (it will go in the bottom of the casserole dish), and put the remaining cup of tomato sauce into the pot with the mushrooms.
Add the large can of crushed tomatoes and one cup of water.
Stir in the thyme, sugar, and red pepper flakes. (If you are using dried basil instead of fresh, add it now.) Bring to a simmer, then lower the heat and simmer on a low simmer, for 20 minutes.
Boil and drain the lasagna noodles: Once the sauce is simmering, salt the boiling pasta water, and add the dry lasagna noodles to the boiling water. (The water should be at a vigorous, rolling boil.) Stir gently, making sure that the noodles are not sticking to each other. Set the timer for 8 minutes, or however long is indicated on the package of the noodles. Cook uncovered on a high boil.
When the noodles are ready (al dente, cooked through but still firm to the bite), drain the noodles in a colander, and rinse them to cool them with cold water. As you rinse them, gently separate them with your fingers so they don't stick to each other.
Prepare a couple large cookie sheets or baking sheets by spreading a tablespoon of olive oil over the baking sheets.
Place the lasagna noodles on the sheets, gently coating them with a bit of that olive oil, and spreading them out. This will help keep them from sticking to each other while you finish the sauce and prepare the layered casserole.
Assemble the lasagna: Turn off the heat on the stovetop for the sauce. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
Spread the one cup of reserved tomato sauce over the bottom of a large (preferably 10x15-inch) casserole dish. (If your casserole dish is smaller, you may need to add another layer as you go through this step.)
Place a layer of lasagna noodles down over the tomato sauce, slightly overlapping. (For our 10x15-inch dish, we ultimately fit 3 layers of 6 noodles each, with 2 extra noodles on which to



Properties

Glycemic Index:59.14, Glycemic Load:23.01, Inflammation Score:-10, Nutrition Score:46.010434741559%

Flavonoids

Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg Luteolin: 0.01mg, Luteolin: 1mg, Isorhamnetin: 1mg, Isorhamnetin

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 612.64kcal (30.63%), Fat: 25.19g (38.76%), Saturated Fat: 11.03g (68.93%), Carbohydrates: 68.99g (23%), Net Carbohydrates: 60.08g (21.85%), Sugar: 14.65g (16.28%), Cholesterol: 59.05mg (19.68%), Sodium: 1215.79mg (52.86%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 32.63g (65.26%), Vitamin K: 289.4µg (275.62%), Vitamin A: 9377.28IU (187.55%), Selenium: 77.12µg (110.18%), Manganese: 1.61mg (80.6%), Phosphorus: 639.53mg (63.95%), Calcium: 611.48mg (61.15%), Vitamin B2: 1mg (58.6%), Copper: 1.06mg (52.94%), Folate: 170.08µg (42.52%), Potassium: 1474.9mg (42.14%), Vitamin B3: 7.88mg (39.42%), Vitamin E: 5.72mg (38.14%), Magnesium: 150.97mg (37.74%), Fiber: 8.91g (35.63%), Vitamin B6: 0.7mg (35.09%), Zinc: 4.98mg (33.2%), Iron: 5.81mg (32.3%), Vitamin B5: 2.71mg (27.12%), Vitamin C: 21.6mg (26.19%), Vitamin B12: 1.51µg (25.23%), Vitamin B1: 0.34mg (23%), Vitamin D: 0.49µg (3.28%)