



## **ZUCCHINI LASAGNA**

Perfectly crafted with zucchini and pasta, this lasagna delivers a delicious balance of carbs, protein, and veggies.

## INGREDIENTS:

### Base

2 medium-large zucchinis (sliced 1/8-inch thin)

- 8-10 lasagna noodles
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 cups parmesan cheese
- 4 cups mozzarella, shredded Cooking spray
- 2 Tbsp minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

#### **Ricotta Filling**

1 Tbsp of minced garlic 1½ cups ricotta cheese (drained of liquids) ¼ cups parmesan cheese

#### Materials

1 egg

9x13 baking dish Aluminum foil 36 oz spaghetti or tomato sauce

- Fresh parsley (garnish)
- 3 Tsp fresh oregano
- or Italian seasoning 3 Tbsp chopped basil
- (2 Tbsp for sauce,
- 1 Tbsp to top lasagna)
- 2 Tbsp minced garlic
- 1 Tsp salt 1 Tsp black pepper

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Pinch of salt
Pinch of black pepper

¼ Tsp black pepper¼ cup fresh chopped basil



# **HOW TO MAKE**

#### **EXPRESS LANE TIPS:**

No boil/oven ready lasagna noodles are a great way to simply assemble and bake; no water boiling needed. Fresh oregano not available? Use half amount of dried oregano.

#### **PERSONALIZE IT:**

Use gluten-free lasagna noodles, ground beef or ground chicken.

#### STEPS:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Start by heating a large skillet on medium high heat. Add ground turkey and brown; cooking thoroughly. Drain liquid from the turkey.
- 3. Add garlic and tomato sauce to the turkey. Season with chopped basil, oregano/Italian seasoning, and salt and black pepper. Simmer for 3-4 minutes minutes.
- 4. In a large bowl, mix together ricotta, parmesan cheese, egg, cheese, chopped basil, salt and ground black pepper. Mix well and set aside.
- 5. Bring a pot of water to a boil and season with a big pinch of salt.
- 6. Add your lasagna noodles to the boiling water and cook for 6 minutes, undercooking them. Drain and set aside.
- 7. To assemble the lasagna, spray the button of your 9×13 baking dish with cooking spray.
- 8. Spread a thin layer of sauce on the bottom of the skillet/pan.
- 9. Cover the sauce with 4 lasagna noodles.
- 10. Top with 1/3 of the ricotta cheese mixture and 1-2 cups of sauce.
- 11. Sprinkle about 1 cup of mozzarella cheese on top.
- 12. Repeat layering but this time with zucchini slices instead of the noodles. (Zucchini, ricotta filling, sauce...)
- 13. Repeat with 4 lasagna noodles, 1 cup mozzarella cheese,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup parmesan cheese and sauce.
- 14. Top with zucchini slices, sauce, 2 cups mozzarella cheese, ½ cup parmesan cheese, and 1 tbsp fresh chopped basil, and a pinch of salt and black pepper.
- 15. Spray one side of a sheet of aluminum foil with cooking spray and cover the pan to prevent the cheese from stickingto the foil.
- 16. Bake in the oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and broil for 5 minutes on high.
- 17. Let the lasagna cool and rest for 15 minutes before cutting and serving.