# Vegetable Lasagna

A healthy version of the classic all-time favorite!!

Makes: 8 servings

Cook/Prep time: approx. 2 hours Source: cookingmatters.org

### **Ingredients**

- 1 (8-ounce) package whole wheat lasagna noodles
- · 3 cups fresh spinach
- · 8 ounces button mushrooms
- 1 large zucchini
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 (6-ounce) block mozzarella cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (28-ounce) can tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes, no salt added
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- · Non-stick cooking spray

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Cook lasagna noodles following package directions. In a colander, drain and run under cold water until cool to the touch. Complete steps 3–9 while noodles cook.
- 3. Rinse spinach, mushrooms, and zucchini. Peel garlic.
- $4. \ Chop\ spinach.\ Thinly\ slice\ mushrooms.\ Dice\ zucchini\ into\ 1/2-inch\ pieces.\ Mince\ garlic.$
- 5. Grate mozzarella cheese. Set aside ¼ cup grated cheese for topping lasagna.
- 6. In a medium bowl, add spinach, mushrooms, and zucchini. Stir in ¼ teaspoon of the salt. Set over a colander to drain. When completely drained, pat veggies dry with paper towels.
- 7. Stir garlic, basil, oregano, remaining ¼ teaspoon salt, and black pepper into canned tomatoes to make a sauce. Do this directly in the can.
- 8. In a medium bowl, crack egg and beat with a fork. Add cottage cheese and grated mozzarella. Mix.
- 9. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Spread ½ cup tomato sauce on bottom of dish.
- 10.Layer 3 noodles over sauce. Then, layer 1 cup cheese mixture, 1½ cups veggies, and ¾ cup tomato sauce. Repeat layers 2 more times, ending with 3 noodles. Cover with remaining tomato sauce. Sprinkle reserved ¼ cup grated mozzarella over top of lasagna.
- 11.Bake until cheese is melted and lightly browned on top and lasagna is bubbly, about 45 minutes. Remove from oven. Let cool 10 minutes before cutting.



## Small Changes, BIG Difference!









#### **Utensils Needed**

- 2 medium bowls
   Cutting board
- 9x13 inch bakingForkLarge Pot
  - Box grater Measuring cups and
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- Colander Sharp knife



## **SHOPPING LIST**

Average total cost without oil and seasonings: \$15.84 Average cost/serving: \$1.98

**Recipe Makes: 4 Servings** 

Note: The below list of ingredients is a suggestion. Similar ingredients may be purchased based on preference, diet restrictions, budget and location.

## **Ingredients**



Add 1 to Cart Low-Fat Cottage Cheese, 16 oz



Add 1 to Cart Spinach, 1 bunch



Add 1 to Cart Large Eggs, 1 dozen



Add 1 to Cart Zucchini, 1 Large



Add 1 to Cart No Salt Added Crushed Tomatoes, 28 oz





Add 1 to Cart Garlic, 1 bulb



Add 1 to Cart Mozzarella Cheese, 6 oz.



Add 1 to Cart Mushrooms, 10 oz.



Add 1 to Cart Whole Wheat Lasagna Noodles

## **SAVE TIME, SAVE MONEY**

- To cut costs, use thawed frozen spinach instead of fresh. Be sure to squeeze all excess water from spinach before using.
- Add any leftover cooked veggies to lasagna.
- Cut leftovers into single-size portions. Freeze up to 3 months in an airtight container.
- Instead of using canned tomato sauce, make your own.

Nutrition Information
Serving Size: 1/8 of lasagna

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Nutrients	Amount
Calories:	260
Total Fat:	<u>7g</u>
Saturated Fat:	<u>3 g</u>
Cholesterol:	40 mg
Sodium:	440 mg
Total Carbohydrates:	<u>35 g</u>
Dietary Fiber:	<u>6g</u>
Total Sugars:	<u>6g</u>
Added Sugars:	<u>0 g</u>
Protein	<u>17 g</u>

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