MARLEY SPOON



Eggplant Parmigiana

with Cucumber and Basil Salad.





30-40min 2 Portions

Our version of eggplant parmigiana is more like a vegetarian chicken parmigiana, rather than the original Italian dish featuring a fried eggplant stack layered with tomato sauce. Oven-baking the crumbed eggplant results in less grease, while the feta over the top is a much lighter alternative to gooey mozzarella.

What we send

- feta ⁷
- basil, garlic
- eggplant, Lebanese cucumber, lemon
- · baby spinach leaves
- diced tomatoes
- brown onion
- panko breadcrumbs ¹

What you'll require

- eggs ³
- · olive oil
- olive oil spray
- plain flour 1
- · sea salt and pepper
- sugar

Utensils

- · baking paper
- · medium saucepan
- oven tray
- paper towel

Our veggies come straight from the farm, so please wash them before cooking.

Cooking tip

Coating the eggplant with a double layer of egg and breadcrumbs will make it extra crisp.

Allergens

Gluten (1), Egg (3), Milk (7). May contain traces of other allergens.

Nutrition per serving

Energy 500.0kcal, Fat 22.4g, Proteins 20.6g, Carbs 46.5g



1. Prepare eggplant

Preheat the oven to 220C. Line an oven tray with baking paper, spray with **olive oil spray** and put in the oven to preheat. Trim each opposite side of the **eggplant** so that it will sit flat, then cut the **eggplant** into 3cm-thick slices. Season both sides with salt



2. Prepare crumb mixture

Place the **flour** on a plate. Whisk the **eggs** in a shallow dish. Place the **breadcrumbs** in a third dish. Pat each **eggplant** slice with paper towel to remove excess moisture.



3. Crumb eggplant

Dust both sides of each eggplant slice in flour, then dip in egg allowing the excess to drip off, and coat in the breadcrumbs. Repeat process with just the egg and breadcrumbs (see cooking tip) until very well coated. Spray each side well with olive oil spray. Carefully put eggplant on the hot tray. Bake for 20-25 mins until golden and tender.



4. Make tomato sauce

Meanwhile, finely chop the **onion** and **garlic**. Heat **half the oil** in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook **onion** for 2 mins, then add **garlic** and cook for 1 min or until onion has softened slightly. Add **tomatoes** and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring, for 8-10 mins until thickened. Stir in **sugar** and season with **salt and pepper**.



5. Prepare cucumber salad

While the sauce is simmering, pick the **basil** leaves and coarsely tear. Coarsely chop the **cucumber**. Combine the **cucumber** and **basil** in a bowl. Cut the **lemon** into wedges.



6. Get ready to serve

Stir the **spinach** through the tomato sauce until wilted. Add the **remaining oil** to the salad, squeeze over the juice from **1-2 lemon wedges** to taste, season with **salt and pepper** and toss to combine. Divide the eggplant and salad among plates. Spoon the tomato sauce over the eggplant and crumble over the **feta**. Serve with the **remaining lemon wedges**.

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