Eggplant Lasagna With Herbed Ricotta and Asiago



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Serves 4

Hands-On Time: 20m Total Time: 45m

Ingredients

1/2 pound plum tomatoes, halved and seeded

1 dove garlic

4 tablespoons olive oil

kosher salt and black pepper

2 eggplants (about 3 pounds), sliced lengthwise 1/4 inch thick

1 cup ricotta

1 large egg

1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped

1/4 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan (1 ounce)

4 cups mixed greens

Directions

- Heat broiler. In a food processor, puree the tomatoes, garlic, 1 tablespoon of the oil, and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper.
- In 2 batches, arrange the eggplant on a broilerproof baking sheet, brush with 2 tablespoons of the oil, and season with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper.
 Broil until charred and tender, 3 to 4 minutes per side.
- Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the ricotta, egg, basil, and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper.
- 4. Spread half the tomato sauce in the bottom of an 8-inch square baking dish. On top of it, layer a third of the eggplant and half the ricotta mixture. Repeat with another layer of eggplant and ricotta. Top with the remaining eggplant and tomato sauce. Sprinkle with the Asiago.
- Reduce oven to 400°F and bake until bubbling, 15 to 20 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes before serving. Divide the greens among plates, drizzle with the remaining tablespoon of oil, and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Serve with the lasagna.