

# RECIPES

# Cheesy Spaghetti Squash Lasagna Boats

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 medium spaghetti squash (about 5 cups cooked)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup part skim ricotta cheese
- 4 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- 4 tablespoons chopped basil or parsley
- ¾ cup mozzarella cheese

#### For the sauce:

- 10 medium mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 (28oz) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 dried bay leaf
- Red pepper flakes, salt and pepper to taste

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut spaghetti squash in half lengthwise and scoop out seeds and membrane (if difficulty cutting, place whole spaghetti squash in oven for 15-20 min until slightly soft and then cut).
- 2. Rub inside of squash with olive oil and place face down on pan, cook for 40-50 minutes or until able to pierce shell with knife or fork.
- While squash is cooking, heat oil in large sauté pan, add onion and cook 5 minutes, add minced garlic and mushrooms and cook an additional 3-5 minutes.
- 4. Add tomatoes, seasoning, salt, pepper and bay leaf to pan. Cover and let simmer for 15 minutes.
- 5. When squash is cooked and cool enough to handle, use a fork to pull flesh from skin. Place flesh in bowl and pat with paper towel getting some of the water out. Mix half the sauce with squash.
- 6. In the empty shell, place spoonful of ricotta mixture, place squash sauce mixture in shell and top with remaining sauce, ricotta cheese and 2-3 tablespoons mozzarella cheese.
- 7. Bake 20-30 minutes or until hot and melted.

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