Spinach Lasagna

(Vegetarian) Serves 6 or more

- 12 to 16 dried or fresh lasagna noodles
- 3 to 4 C tomato sauce
- 2 T extra virgin olive oil
- 3 C cooked spinach, squeezed dry (about 675 grams fresh)
- 375 g ricotta cheese
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 340 g coarsely grated mozzarella
- 200 g grated parmesan
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



- 1. For dried pasta, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil Cook the noodles (6 at a time) until they are tender but still underdone *(they will finish cooking as the lasagna bakes)*; drain and then lay the noodles flat on a towel so they won't stick.
- 2. Heat the oven to 200°C.
- 3. Grease a rectangular baking dish with the **olive oil**, add a large dollop of t**omato sauce** and spread it around.
- 4. Mix ricotta, egg, and nutmeg
- 5. Put a layer of noodles in the dish, trimming any overhanging edges; top with a layer of **tomato sauce**, ¹/₃ of the spinach, and ¹/₄ of the ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper if desired.
- 6. Repeat the layers twice, and top with the remaining noodles, tomato sauce, ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan; the top should be covered with cheese; add more ricotta and Parmesan as needed.

(The lasagna may be made ahead to this point, wrapped tightly and refrigerated for up to a day or frozen. Bring to room temperature before proceeding.)

- 7. Bake until the lasagna is bubbling and the cheese is melted and lightly browned on top, **about 30 minutes**.
- 8. Remove from the oven and let rest a few minutes before serving, or cool completely, cover well, and refrigerate for up to 3 days, or freeze.

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