Eggplant and Pasta Casserole

Courtesy of Jan D'Atri



Serves 4

1 large or 2 medium eggplant, peeled and cut in ½ inch thick slices
½ pound spaghetti or linguine
1 (24-ounce) jar Costantino's Kitchen Tomato Basil Pasta Sauce
1 (16-ounce) container whole milk ricotta
8 ounces shredded mozzarella
1 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and water for boiling water

Directions:

- In a large pot, bring 5 quarts of water and 1 tablespoon of salt to boil.
- Drop slices of eggplant into pot and cook for 8 minutes or until softened.
- Remove with slotted spoon and place on paper towel to drain.
- Replace water with fresh water and salt. Bring to boil and cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain pasta and set aside.
- Spoon a thin layer of pasta sauce in the bottom of 8x8 inch casserole dish.
- Layer half of the eggplant slices, ricotta, spaghetti, mozzarella, Parmesan and pasta sauce. Repeat layers, reserving Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
- Top with Parmesan cheese and bake for another 5 minutes.



