

BABA GHANOUSH









SERVES: 12 (approx. ¼ cup each) Prep Time: 15 min. + 2 hrs. chilling time Cooking Time: 35 min.

CONTAINER EQUIVALENTS (per serving): 1 1/2



This delicious eggplant dip is traditionally served with toasted pita, but it works just as well with fresh veggies if you're trying to save your yellows! The key to a great Baba Ghanoush is to get the eggplant skins nice and charred, which lends the flesh a rich, smoky flavor. Our recipe calls for smoked paprika and cumin to really make it pop, and we like to wring the excess water from the cooked flesh to concentrate its flavor.

4 medium eggplants

(approx. 3.75 lbs.)

3 Tbsp. tahini paste

3 cloves garlic

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

finely grated lemon peel 1 tsp.

(lemon zest)

½ cup fresh parsley

2 tsp. ground smoked paprika

ground cumin ½ tsp.

11/4 tsp. sea salt (or Himalayan salt)

½ tsp. ground black pepper 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

- Preheat oven to 500° F.
- 2. Line a large bowl with cheesecloth (or paper towels). Set aside.
- 3. Line large baking sheet with foil.
- 4. Place eggplants on prepared baking sheet. Lightly coat with spray. Bake for 33 to 35 minutes, or until skin is charred and flesh is very tender to the core. Remove from oven. Wrap in foil and let rest until cool enough to handle.
- 5. Cut eggplants in half, peel away skin and discard. Transfer flesh to prepared bowl. Gently wring out excess moisture.
- 6. Place eggplant flesh, tahini, garlic, lemon juice, lemon peel, parsley, paprika, cumin, salt, and pepper in food processor; process until blended.
- 7. With food processor running, slowly add oil in a slow steady stream. Process until fully emulsified.
- 8. Refrigerate for 2 hours to cool and to let flavors meld.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

Cheesecloth **Aluminum foil** Olive oil cooking spray

RECIPE NOTE:

Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to 4 to 5 days.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (per serving): Calories: 103 Total Fat: 7 g Saturated Fat: 1 g Cholesterol: 0 mg Sodium: 245 mg Carbohydrates: 11 g Fiber: 5 g Sugars: 6 g Protein: 2 g

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