# Vegetarian Moussaka



This recipe always gets rave reviews from vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. Easy to make, but takes time. Serve with salad.

Prep: 30 mins

Cook: 1 hr 30 mins

**Total:** 2 hrs

Servings: 7

Yield: 8 to 10 servings



## Ingredients

1 eggplant, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon olive oil, or more as needed

1 large zucchini, thinly sliced

2 potatoes, thinly sliced

1 onion, sliced

1 clove garlic, chopped

1 tablespoon white vinegar

1 (14.5 ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, chopped

1/2 (14.5 ounce) can lentils, drained with liquid reserved

1 teaspoon dried oregano

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

salt and ground black pepper to taste

1 cup crumbled feta cheese

1 ½ tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 ¼ cups milk

ground black pepper to taste

1 pinch ground nutmeg

### **Directions**

## Step 1

Sprinkle eggplant slices with salt and set aside for 30 minutes. Rinse and pat dry.

#### Step 2

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

## Step 3

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Rinse and pat eggplant dry. Cook eggplant and zucchini in hot oil until lightly browned on both sides, about 3 minutes per side; remove with a slotted spoon to drain on a paper towel-lined plate, reserving as much oil as possible in the skillet

#### Step 4

Adding more oil to skillet as needed and let it get hot. Cook potato slices in hot oil until browned, 3 to 5 minutes per side; remove with slotted spoon and drain on a paper towel-lined plate, again reserving oil in the skillet.

#### Step 5

Saute onion and garlic in reserved oil until lightly browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Pour in vinegar, bring to a boil, and reduce heat to mediumlow; cook until liquid is reduced in volume and thick. Stir in tomatoes, lentils, 1/2 the juice from lentils, oregano and parsley. Cover, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer 15 minutes.

#### Step 6

Layer about 1/3 of the eggplant, 1/3 of the zucchini, 1/2 the potatoes, 1/2 the onions, and 1/2 the feta into a 13x9-inch baking dish. Pour tomato mixture over vegetables; repeat layering, finishing with a layer of eggplant and zucchini.

#### Step 7

Cover and bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes.

#### Step 8

1 egg, beaten

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Stir butter, flour, and milk together in a small saucepan; bring to a slow boil, whisking constantly until thick and smooth. Season with pepper and nutmeg; stir. Remove from heat, cool for 5 minutes, and stir in beaten egg.

#### Step 9

Pour sauce over vegetables and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, for another 25 to 30 minutes.

## **Nutrition Facts**

## **Per Serving:**

240 calories; protein 10.2g; carbohydrates 25.5g; fat 11.8g; cholesterol 58.2mg; sodium 425.7mg.

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