

HEALTHY SOUL FOOD FRIDAY

HEALTHY TURKEY LASAGNA (courtesy of Southern Living)

Hands-On: 1hr • Total: 1hr 45mins • Yield: Makes 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- $\cdot \frac{1}{2}$ lb. ground turkey
- · 1 (14.5-oz.) can tomato puree
- · 3 (8-oz.) cans no-salt-added tomato sauce
- · 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- \cdot 1/3 cup chopped yellow onion
- · 1 garlic clove, crushed
- · 1 bay leaf
- · 1 1/4 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- · 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

- · 1/4 teaspoon fennel seeds
- · 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- · Dash of ground nutmeg
- · 1 (12-oz.) container 2% reduced-fat cottage cheese
- 1 (10-oz.) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and pressed dry
- · 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- · Vegetable cooking spray
- · 18 wonton wrappers
- · 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

DIRECTIONS

Step 1

Cook ground turkey in skillet over medium heat, stirring often, 8 minutes or until brown; drain well on paper towels. Stir together turkey, tomato puree, and next 10 ingredients in a large saucepan; cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes. Discard bay leaf.

Step 2

Preheat oven to 350°. Stir together cottage cheese, spinach, and Parmesan.

Step 3

Coat a 13- x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread 1 cup turkey mixture into baking dish. Top with 6 wonton wrappers in a single layer (slightly overlapping), 1 cup spinach mixture, and 1 1/2 cups turkey mixture. Repeat layers twice, beginning with wontons and ending with turkey mixture.

Step 4

Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Remove from oven. Top with mozzarella cheese, and bake 5 minutes more.

