Healthy Chili Rellenos

Serving Size: 1/12 of recipe Serves: 12

Ingredients

12 fresh pablano peppers

Refried Beans

½ pound pinto beans, rinsed and drained

3 cups low sodium vegetable broth

1 tomato, diced

1/3 onion, diced

1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, diced

1 clove garlic, minced

Pinch of salt and pepper

Meat Mixture

1 pound lean ground beef, 90% lean or better

1 onion, diced

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon dried oregano

½ teaspoon paprika

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

½ teaspoon ground cumin

Pinch of salt and pepper

18 ounces grated mozzarella

Directions

- 1. Roast the pablano peppers over an open flame (directly on a gas burner) turning until the skin darkens and cracks.
- 2. Place the hot peppers into a ziplock bag and steam until the skin loosens, about 3-5 minutes.
- 3. Remove the peppers and peel them.
- 4. Combined the rinsed beans and the vegetable broth and boil for 3 minutes. Reduce heat, add the other ingredients and simmer until the beans are tender, about 45 minutes.
- 5. Mash bean mixture to the consistency of refried beans. Add a little olive oil if needed to thin. Set aside.
- 6. Brown the beef. Add the remaining ingredients except the cheese and cook until the onion is soft. Set aside.
- 7. Slice each pablano pepper along one side and remove the seeds. (Wear gloves to handle the seeds to prevent getting juice in your eyes.)
- 8. To each pepper add about 3 tablespoons of beans, 3 tablespoons of the meat mixture and 1½ ounces of cheese. Pin with a toothpick if needed.
- 9. Roast in the oven for about 10-15 minutes just to melt the cheese.
- 10. Serve with \(\frac{1}{4} \) cup of salsa on top.

Exchanges per serving:

2 Medium Meats, 1 Starch, 2 Vegetables, 1 Fat

Nutrients per serving:

Calories: 311

Calories from fat: 113

Total Fat: 13g Cholesterol: 47mg Sodium: 311mg

Total Carbohydrate: 26g

Dietary Fiber: 7g Protein: 25g