EGGPLANT TOFU "RICOTTA" ROLLUPS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggplants, cut each lengthwise into 6 (1/4-inch-thick) slices
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- Olive oil pan spray
- 1 recipe tofu "ricotta" (see recipe)
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 cups marinara sauce

Tofu "ricotta":

- 115-ounce can low-sodium navy beans
- 2 tablespoons tahini
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 pound firm tofu
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
- 2. Sprinkle **salt** on both sides of **eggplant** slices, and let drain on paper towels for 15 minutes.
- 3. Rinse well and dry with clean paper towels.
- 4. Spray **pan spray** on both sides of slices and arrange in a single layer on foil-lined baking sheets.
- 5. Bake until slightly brown, about 15 minutes.
- 6. While baking, stir together "ricotta", herbs and black pepper.
- 7. Pour 1 cup of the **marinara** into an 11x7-inch baking dish.
- 8. Place 1 tablespoon ricotta mixture on 1 eggplant slice and roll up. Place seam down in dish, and repeat with remaining ricotta and eggplant.
- 9. Top evenly with remaining marinara.
- 10. Bake at 375°F until sauce is bubbly and tops of rollups are lightly browned (15 to 20 minutes). Eggplant should be tender.
- 11. Serve immediately.
- 1. For the **tofu** "**ricotta**": Drain **beans** (reserve liquid) and puree in a food processor with **tahini**, **yeast**, **lemon juice** and **salt**. Once smooth, add **tofu** and pulse until texture resembles ricotta.
- 2. Add bean liquid as necessary to make a ricotta-like paste.

SERVES 6

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Knife, cutting board, baking sheet, mixing bowl, baking dish, can opener, food processor/potato masher/fork.

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Try using zucchini or yellow squash instead of eggplant.

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