

## Easy Eggplant Parm



### SIZE

Serves: 4-6

### PREPARATION

35 minutes

### DIFFICULTY



Level 1



**Make this Italian-American favorite at home. Serve with a side of spaghetti or a big green salad and see what Sunday red sauce dreams are made of. \*Chef's kiss\***

## **Ingredients**

### **Process**

- 4** eggs, beaten
- 2** cups Italian style breadcrumbs or gluten-free panko
- 2 lbs.** globe eggplant (about 2 small to medium sized) cut into 1/4 inch slices.
- ½** cup olive oil, divided
- 2 16 oz. jars** not just pasta sauce
- 2 1/4 cups** shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup** basil, torn

**Preheat oven to 400 degrees, and set aside a 9×13 inch baking dish. Place the eggs and breadcrumbs each in pie plates or shallow bowls. Dip each piece of eggplant in the egg, coating on all sides, then dip in the bread crumbs, coating all sides.**

**2**

**Set a wire rack over a cookie sheet, or line a large plate with paper towels. In a nonstick 12-inch skillet over medium, heat a quarter of the olive oil until shimmering. Add 6 breaded eggplant rounds and cook until the first side begins to turn golden brown, 3-5 minutes. Flip, add another quarter of the oil, and cook for another 3-5 minutes. Transfer to the rack or plate, and continue cooking the eggplant in batches, adding the remaining oil.**

**3**

**Spread ½ cup of not just pasta sauce on the bottom of the baking dish and arrange 6 cooked eggplant on top. Spread another ½ cup sauce on top of the eggplant along with ¾ cup cheese. Continue with two more layers. Pour any remaining sauce on top of the third and final round of eggplant and top with a final ¾ cup cheese.**

**4**

**Bake for 30 minutes, remove the foil, and bake for another 10-15 minutes until browned and bubbling. Top with torn basil and serve.**