Lazy Skillet Lasagna

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Servings: 8

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 cups onions, chopped
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
freshly ground black pepper
2 cans (28 ounce ea) crushed
tomatoes

1 medium zucchini, sliced in half lengthwise and thinly sliced into halfmoons

1 package (5 ounce) baby spinach leaves

1 package (8 ounce) no-boil lasagna noodles

1 container (16 ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese

3 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

1/2 cup fresh basil (optional), chopped

In a twelve-inch or larger deep-sided skillet with a lid, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in the oregano, basil, salt and pepper. Add the tomatoes. Bring to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes.

Stir in the zucchini and spinach. Cook until the vegetables are limp and well blended, 5 to 8 minutes.

Break the noodles into halves or thirds. Push the noodles, including any stray pieces, into the sauce mixture, submerging everything as evenly as possible. Reduce the heat to medium. Cover and simmer until the noodles start to soften, about 10 minutes. Lift the lid and stir gently to redistribute the noodles.

When the noodles have softened slightly, stir in the ricotta and half of the mozzarella, using a spoon to fold and tuck in the cheeses among the noodles, swirling around but not blending completely.

Sprinkle the remaining mozzarella and Parmesan, if using, over the top. Cover the pan and simmer until the noodles are tender, about another 10 minutes.

Let stand, uncovered, to firm up for about 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle fresh basil on top, if using.

Option: At the end of step one, add one pound of diced, cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast or thighs OR crumbled chicken sausage.

Make ahead: The sauce can be made up through step one and refrigerated, covered, for up to five days or frozen for up to four months. Defrost fully before continuing the recipe.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 230 Calories; 16g Fat (63.5% calories from fat); 14g Protein; 8g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 47mg Cholesterol; 354mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 2 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 2 Fat.

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Calories (kcal):	230	Vitamin B6 (mg):	.1mg
% Calories from Fat:	63.5%	Vitamin B12 (mcg):	.4mcg
% Calories from Carbohydrates:	13.1%	Thiamin B1 (mg):	trace
% Calories from Protein:	23.5%	Riboflavin B2 (mg):	.2mg
Total Fat (g):	16g	Folacin (mcg):	21mcg
Saturated Fat (g):	9g	Niacin (mg):	trace
Monounsaturated Fat (g):	6g	Caffeine (mg):	0mg
Polyunsaturated Fat (g):	1g	Alcohol (kcal):	0
Cholesterol (mg):	47mg		
Carbohydrate (g):	8g	Food Exchanges	
Dietary Fiber (g):	1g	Grain (Starch):	0
Protein (g):	14g	Lean Meat:	2
Sodium (mg):	354mg	Vegetable:	1
Potassium (mg):	236mg	Fruit:	0
Calcium (mg):	353mg	Non-Fat Milk:	0
Iron (mg):	1mg	Fat:	2
Zinc (mg):	2mg	Other Carbohydrates:	0
Vitamin C (mg):	6mg	·	
Vitamin A (i.u.):	738IU		
Vitamin A (r.e.):	177 1/2RE		
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Nutrition Facts

Servings per Recipe: 8

Amount Per Serving			
Calories 230	Calories from Fat: 146		
	% Daily Values*		
Total Fat 16g Saturated Fat 9g Cholesterol 47mg Sodium 354mg Total Carbohydrates 8g Dietary Fiber 1g Protein 14g	25% 43% 16% 15% 3% 5%		
Vitamin A Vitamin C Calcium Iron	15% 10% 35% 4%		

^{*} Percent Daily Values are based on a 2000 calorie diet.