RICOTTA AND ROAST PUMPKIN CANNELLONI

Serves 4 | Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 60 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 400g pumpkin, cut into cubes
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2½ cups passata
- 375g ricotta cheese
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- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- 2 tbsp basil, chopped
- 4 tbsp parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup grated tasty cheese
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese
- Zest from 1 lemon
- 12 cannelloni tubes
- Salt and pepper to taste

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METHOD

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2. Place pumpkin on a baking tray and drizzle with oil.
- **3.** Roast the pumpkin for 20 minutes or until soft and tender.
- 4. Place pumpkin in a mixing bowl and mash with a fork.
- 5. Pour ½ cup passata into an ovenproof dish and spread evenly over the base.
- 6. Place ricotta cheese, pumpkin, nutmeg, egg, parsley, basil, lemon zest, 2 tbsp parmesan cheese and seasoning in a large mixing bowl and combine well.
- 7. Add the ricotta mixture to a piping bag and carefully pipe it into cannelloni tubes. Lay tubes side by side in the dish.
- 8. Add remaining passata over cannelloni tubes and top with tasty, mozzarella, and parmesan cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 35 minutes.
- 9. Remove foil and cook for a further 5 minutes.

Serve with salad or roast veggies.

NUTRITION TIP

Ricotta cheese is a great source of calcium and contains a range of other essential nutrients, including vitamins A, B12 and K, iodine, phosphorus, selenium and zinc.