

Torta Pasqualina Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 Sheets Puff Pastry
- 1 1/2 Pound Spinach or Swiss Chard
- 3 Tablespoons Breadcrumbs
- 1 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- Salt & Pepper
- 1/2 Teaspoon Nutmeg
- 1 Pound Full Fat Ricotta Cheese, Drained
- 7 Eggs
- 1 Cup Cubed Ham

Directions

- 1. Allow the pastry to come to room temperature.
- 2. While the dough is resting, begin to prepare the filling by cooking the spinach in a large pot.
- 3. Drain, squeeze until very dry and chop, then season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Add the crumbs to the spinach in a bowl, and add the ricotta, parmesan and cubed ham, and mix well.
- 5. Beat two of the eggs, and fold into the spinach ricotta mixture.
- 6. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- 7. Roll out the two layers of pastry until fairly thin, making them large enough to cover a 10 inch spring-form pan with a good overhang to cover the filling.
- 8. Lay one layer over the other to cover the bottom and sides of the pan.
- 9. Put the filling into the pan, smoothing it evenly.
- 10. Make four hollows evenly spaced around the filling, and carefully crack four eggs into the hollows.
- 11. Fold the overhanging edges of pastry over the top of the pie, folding to fit.
- 12. Beat one egg with a teaspoon of water and brush over the top of the puff pastry.
- 13. Bake for about 60 minutes, or until the pie is golden brown.
- 14. Serve warm, or at room temperature.