Eggplant Parmesan Boats Recipe

Ingredients

- One 1 1/2-pound eggplant
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ cup jarred marinara sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan

Recipe

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Halve the eggplant, then use a paring knife to cut vertical and horizontal slits into the flesh about 3/4-inch apart. (You want to create crosshatches across the whole surface without piercing the skin on the other side.) Place the halves on the lined baking sheet flesh-side up.
- Spread a tablespoon of olive oil over each of the halves, then sprinkle both with the
 Italian seasoning, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Roast until the eggplant is softened
 and golden brown on top, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove the eggplant from the oven and
 spread 1/4 cup marinara on each half, then top with the cheeses. Return to the oven
 and bake until the cheese is golden and bubbling, another 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool
 slightly before serving.