

Eggplant Parmesan Dip

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"This is a fun party dip, and you can make it a whole meal with a charcuterie platter and a bottle of wine." – Chef Jean



Ingredients:

- 1 head garlic, top sliced off to expose cloves
- Extra Virgin olive oil, for drizzling
- 2 large **eggplants**
- 1 cup Marinara sauce, any brand
- 2 ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup grated **Parmesan cheese**
- ¼ cup packed fresh **basil leaves**
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Ground **black pepper**, to taste
- ¼ cup Panko breadcrumbs
- 1 sliced **baguette** for serving

This recipe also requires a **blender or food processor**.

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to **400 degrees**. Line a baking sheet with foil. Drizzle **garlic head** with **olive oil**, wrap in foil to completely enclose and set on the prepared baking sheet.
- 2. Put the **eggplants** onto the baking sheet with the **garlic**. Bake until the eggplants are soft and blistered and the garlic is caramelized (about 40 minutes).
- 3. Split open the **eggplants** and scoop out the sift flesh into a food processor or blender, discard the skins. Squeeze out the **garlic cloves** and add to the processor or blender along with the **marinara sauce** and 1 cup of the **Mozzarella cheese**. Process until smooth, taste and add seasoning as needed, then transfer to a shallow baking dish.
- 4. Sprinkle with the remaining **Mozzarella**, the **Parmesan**, and then the **bread crumbs** on top. Drizzle with a bit of **olive oil**. Bake until golden and bubbly.
- 5. Serve with the **baguette slices**.