

No-Boil Garden Stuffed Shells

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 1 HOUR | SERVES: 4-6

An extra easy, very veggie, baked pasta dinner! The sauce is made while it bakes, and the shells (or manicotti) are filled without having to preboil them.

Ingredients

2 cans (14.5 oz. each) diced tomatoes, not drained	11/2 cups part-skim ricotta cheese
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce	2/3 cups sliced green onion, divided
1 tsp. garlic powder	1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 tsp. dried oregano	1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tsp. onion salt	1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes	24 uncooked jumbo pasta shells or 14
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) peas and carrots,	uncooked manicotti tubes
well drained (see Note below)	11/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 6 oz.)

Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 400°F. In a 13x9-inch baking dish, combine diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, 1/2 cup water, garlic, oregano, onion salt and red pepper flakes; set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, add peas and carrots, ricotta, 1/3 cup green onions, parmesan, egg, and black pepper; stir gently to combine. Transfer mixture to a gallon-size zip top bag; set aside.
- 3. If using shells, select 24 pasta shells that are wider open than others (these will be easier to fill).
- 4. Snip off one corner of the bag with filling. Holding each shell, pipe in filling (about 2 Tbsp.) and place open-side-up in sauce. If preparing manicotti, place one (1) finger at end of each tube while piping filling into other end.
- 5. Cover dish tightly with foil and bake 50 minutes. Remove foil; sprinkle with mozzarella and remaining green onion. Bake 10 to 15 minutes until cheese is melted. Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

NOTE: May use 1 can sliced carrots and 1 can peas, well drained instead of a peas and carrots blend. Prepare as recipe directs, except mash carrots with a fork or potato masher before combining with peas and other filling ingredients in Step 2.