## **SQUASH STUFFED SHELLS**

## **INGREDIENTS**

1 small butternut squash

2 tablespoons olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste → *Do not use pepper if you have ulcer or pain* 

2 large onions minced

1/2 cup maple syrup

3/4 cup ricotta cheese

1 cup grated parmesan cheese

1 1/2 cups minced baby spinach

16 giant pasta shells

375 ml (1 1/2 cups) roasted garlic Alfredo sauce → Add more sauce if needed

## **PREPARATION**

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F).
- 2. Cut the squash in half. Remove seeds and filaments.
- 3. Place the squash halves on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle with oil, salt, and pepper *(if tolerated)*.
- 4. Bake for 40 minutes or until tender. Peel the squash and cut into cubes.
- 5. In a bowl, mix the squash cubes with the oil. Salt and pepper.
- 6. Place the squash on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until tender.
- 7. Meanwhile, mix the onions with the maple syrup in a saucepan. Salt and pepper. Cook for 15 to 18 minutes over low-medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the onions are caramelized.
- 8. In the container of the food processor, purée the squash with the ricotta and half the Parmesan. Add baby spinach and pulse.
- 9. In a pot of salted boiling water, cook the pasta al dente. Drain.
- 10. Fill the shells with the squash preparation and caramelized onions.
- 11. In a 33 cm x 23 cm (13 in. x 9 in.) baking dish, spread the Alfredo sauce. Place the shells side by side in the dish. Garnish with the rest of the Parmesan.
- 12. Bake at 190 °C (375 °F) for 20 to 25 minutes.

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