

## **Mediterranean Tomato and Cauliflower Casserole**



**Preparation time**: 50 min

**Difficulty**: Easy

## **Ingredients**

## For this recipe we used:

Chopped Tomatoes 1 box

Carrots: 2 chopped

• Cauliflower florets from frozen, thawed: 1 ½ lb

• Chopped fresh Italian parsley: 3 tbsp for garnish

• Cumin: 1 tsp

Extra Virgin Olive Oil: To taste
Garlic powder, divided: 1 ½ tsp
Ground allspice, divided: 1 ½ tsp

Ground nutmeg: ½ tspLean ground beef: 1 lb

· Salt: To taste

• Toasted slivered almonds: 1/4 cup for garnish

(optional)Water: 1 cup

Yellow onion: 1 medium, finely chopped



## **Preparation**

A cauliflower tomato casserole is a healthy and exquisite vegetarian recipe. Here's how to prepare it.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

In a large oven-proof pan or skillet, heat 2 tbsp **extra virgin olive oil** over medium heat until shimmering. Add onions and carrots. Raise the heat to medium-high and cook for 5 minutes, stirring regularly.

Now add the ground beef, 1 tsp allspice, 1 tsp garlic powder, nutmeg and salt. Cook for 8 more minutes, stirring regularly, until meat is browned and fully cooked through. Then add **cauliflower florets** and season with the remaining allspice, garlic powder, and cumin. Add another pinch of salt and mix to combine.

Add *Pomì* chopped tomatoes and water. Cook on medium-high for 10 more minutes. Cover with a lid (or tightly with foil) and transfer to the heated oven. Bake in 375 degrees heated-oven for 20 minutes.

Remove from heat and garnish with fresh parsley and toasted almonds. Serve hot with your favorite rustic bread or rice or quinoa! Enjoy.

Recipe Note: if you decide to use florets from fresh cauliflower, you will need to first blanch them.

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