

Rigatoni Pasta Pie



Preparation time: 55 min

Difficulty: Medium

Ingredients

- Extra-virgin olive oil: 2 tbsp
- Garlic cloves, minced: 3
- Grated Parmesan cheese: ½ cup
- Ground Italian sausage: 1 lb
- Rigatoni pasta: 1 lb
- Shredded mozzarella cheese: 8 oz
- Sweet onion, diced: 1

For this recipe we used:

Crushed Tomatoes with Onion 2 boxes



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It's the perfect day to spark your imagination! Not only is this Rigatoni Pasta Pie stunning to look at, but also incredibly delicious.

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. Place a 7-inch springform cake pan on a parchment-lined baking sheet and grease the pan with nonstick spray. (Note: You can use a regular cake pan or deep pie plate, but rather than unfolding the pie, which will be difficult, serve it in the dish.)
3. In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until translucent, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté until fragrant, 1 minute more.
4. Add the sausage and sauté until fully cooked, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in one packet of the Pomi crushed Tomatoes with Onions.
5. While the sausage cooks, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the rigatoni and cook for 8 to 10 minutes (the lower end of the cooking time recommended on the package). The pasta should be cooked but firm, as it will continue to cook in the oven.
6. Drain the pasta and then toss it with the remaining marinara sauce and Parmesan.
7. Arrange the pasta vertically in the prepared springform pan. Pack the rigatoni in somewhat tightly until the pan is full.
8. Spread the sausage mixture on top of the pasta. Sprinkle the mozzarella evenly over the sausage. Bake the pasta pie until the mixture is heated through and the cheese is melted, 15 to 20 minutes.
9. Let the pie cool for at least 10 minutes before unmolding, slicing and serving. Serve immediately, warm.