

Smoked Eggplant Dip (Baingan Bharta) with Roti Chips

Serves: 2-4 ppl

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon oil

1 medium sized Italian eggplant

1 red onion, diced

2 Roma tomatoes, diced

½ tablespoon ginger, minced

½ tablespoon garlic, minced

1 tablespoon cumin seeds

1/4 teaspoon turmeric powder

1 teaspoon chili powder, or to taste

½ teaspoon coriander powder, optional

1 green chili, diced, optional

2 tablespoon chopped cilantro

Salt to taste

Directions:

1. Take a clean and dried eggplant and make 1-inch slits throughout. Brush the eggplant lightly with oil. Place the eggplant directly on a stove burner over medium-low flame and roast, turning often with tongs for 10-12 minutes until the skin is charred and flesh is soft.

OR

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Cover the eggplant in foil and roast for 20-30 minutes until completely soft.
- 2. Once roasted, to check if it's done, insert a knife inside the eggplant. It should go in easily. Use a pair of tongs to remove the eggplant from heat and set aside to cool.



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- 3. Once cooled, peel off the skin and discard. It should come off easily.
- 4. Transfer the roasted eggplant to a bowl and mash using a fork or potato masher. Set aside.
- 5. Heat oil in a pan on medium heat. Once oil is hot, add onion, garlic, ginger and green chili. Sauté until the onion is translucent and tender.
- 6. Add turmeric powder, chili powder, coriander powder and salt to taste.
- 7. Add tomatoes and cook until tomato is soft and blended in with the onions and spices.
- 8. Add the mashed roasted eggplant and mix well. Reduce the heat and cook for an additional 6-8 minutes.
- 9. Serve warm or at room temperature with finely chopped cilantro.

Roti Chips

Ingredients:

6 frozen whole wheat rotis or tortillas

1 teaspoon olive oil

Salt to taste

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.
- 2. Cut the frozen rotis into 6 triangular pieces (similar to tortilla chips).
- 3. Toss the roti pieces with salt and olive oil.
- 4. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper or foil. Lay the roti pieces in a single layer on the sheet pan and bake for about 8 minutes or until brown and crispy.