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INGREDIENTS

- 2 Eggplants
- 2 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 250g of lean mince (I use turkey but can use any)
- 2 tablespoons of Moroccan spice
- 50g pitted green olives, chopped
- Handful basil leaves, chopped
- ¹/₂ cup of grated mozzarella cheese

METHOD

- 1. Heat oven to 200 degrees.
- 2. Slice the the eggplants in half lengthways, leaving the stem intact. Using a small knife, cut a border inside each eggplant about $\frac{1}{2}$ -1cm thick.
- 3. Using a spoon, scoop out the flesh, so that you have 4 shells.
- 4. Brush with a little of the oil, season with salt and place in a baking dish.
- 5. Cover with foil and bake for 20 mins.
- 6. Meanwhile, add the remaining oil to a non-stick frying pan and cook the onion until soft.
- 7. Add the garlic and mince and cook for 3 mins. Stir in seasoning, tomato, olives and basil.
- 8. When the eggplant shells are tender, remove from the oven and reduce heat to 180C fan.
- 9. Pile stuffing into shells, sprinkle with cheese.
- 10. Bake for 10 minutes, until the cheese is gooey.
- **11**. Serve with a green salad.

