



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

CHEESY HOT SPINACH DIP

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 20 oz frozen spinach, thawed, drained, and chopped
- 1/2 cup milk
- 6 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 C shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 C Cheddar cheese
- 2 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 C shredded mozzarella cheese

TO MAKE YOUR FRESH SPINACH USABLE FOR SPINACH DIP:

- 1 T Olive Oil
- 1 Pound fresh baby spinach leaves

In a large stockpot, heat olive oil on medium for 1 minute. Add spinach leaves and cook for 3-4 minutes.

Drain extra oil from the spinach using a colander. You'll be left with about 11/2 C of cooked down spinach (equivalent to a 10-ounce package of frozen spinach)

PROCEDURE

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
 Grease baking dish with olive oil cooking spray
- Heat remaining olive oil in large skillet and add onion and garlic to hot oil. Brown (about 5-6 minutes).

 Add spinach and simmer until hot (about 5 more minutes). Drain liquid and transfer to a bowl.
- Pour mild into pot and return to a medium heat. Melt cream cheese into the milk, cook, and stir about three minutes. Add spinach mixture and ½ C mozzarella cheese and cheddar cheese. Stir until melted. Season with Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper. Pour into baking dish and top with remaining mozzarella cheese.
- Bake in preheated oven for 20-25 minutes or until top is bubbly and golden brown.



