# **Spinach Artichoke Stuffed Chicken**

This Stuffed Chicken Breast Recipe has definitely won the family over! Extremely popular for a good reason, you'll never want regular, plain old boneless chicken breasts again after trying these!

With only 483 calories and 14 grams of fat including the sauce.

## Ingredients

#### Chicken

1 pounds (1 kg) boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1 tablespoons Italian seasoning

0.5 teaspoon mild paprika (optional)

salt and pepper to season

## Spinach Stuffing

2 oz (120 g) frozen spinach, thawed

4 oz (250 g) block cream cheese, (light or reduced fat), at room temp

3 oz (170 g) bottled or canned artichoke hearts in brine, finely chopped

0.25 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

0.13 cup finely grated parmesan cheese

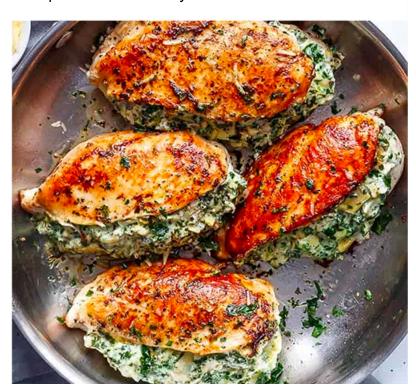
0.5 tablespoon minced garlic

Salt to taste

#### **Optional Sauce**

Remaining spinach stuffing

0.5 cup half and half or heavy cream



#### Method

#### For The Chicken

Place each chicken breast on a flat surface. Season both sides of each breast with the Italian seasoning and paprika. With your hand supporting each piece, cut a slit or pocket about 3/4 quarter of the way through, being careful not to cut all the way.

## For The Filling

Squeeze any and all excess liquid out of the spinach and discard the water. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the spinach, cream cheese, artichokes, mozzarella, parmesan and garlic; mix well to combine.

Stuff chicken with 1-2 tablespoons of the spinach stuffing, spreading evenly with the back of the spoon. Reserve the leftovers for later.\*

Seal chicken breasts with two or three toothpicks near the opening to keep the dip inside while cooking.

Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a skillet or non stick pan over medium-high heat. Sear chicken until golden. Flip and sear on the other side, covering pan with a lid, until cooked through, (about 6 to 7 minutes per side). Transfer chicken to a warm plate to make the cream sauce.

### For The Cream Sauce

Combine half and half or heavy cream with the remaining stuffing (you should have exactly half remaining). Stir until sauce is combined and thickened. Add the chicken back into the pan and serve immediately!