

ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 14.5-ounce can petite diced tomatoes
- 15-ounce can reduced-sodium tomato sauce

- 14.5-ounce can low-sodium beef broth
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 cup cooked brown rice
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 10 large bell peppers, tops and seeds removed
- 2 Tablespoons chopped parsley
- 3 Tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon shredded or grated Parmesan cheese

Yield: 10 servings Nutrition Information Per Serving:

Calories: 197 Fat: 7 grams

Saturated fat: 2 grams Cholesterol: 31 mg Sodium: 214 mg

Carbohydrates: 22 grams

Fiber: 5 grams Protein: 13 grams Calcium: 61 mg

Food exchanges:

3 vegetable, ½ starch, 1 protein

directions:

- Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium high heat. Add the onion and sauté for 4-5 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for another 30 seconds.
- Add the ground beef and cook until browned (about 5-6 minutes), breaking beef up into smaller pieces as it cooks.
- 3. Add the chopped bell peppers to the pot and cook for 2-3 minutes.
- 4. Add the tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth and Italian seasoning to the pot. Bring to a simmer and cook for 15-20 minutes or until peppers are tender.
- 5. Stir in the rice, black pepper and salt. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes and then turn off heat.
- Evenly divide mixture into each of the hollowed-out peppers.Sprinkle with parsley and 1 teaspoon each Parmesan cheese and serve.

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