

SPANAKOPITA STUFFED PEPPERS

Advanced Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

2 TBS extra-virgin olive oil, divided
¼ cup chopped shallot
1 (11 ounce) package baby spinach
2 TSP chopped fresh dill
2 TSP chopped fresh parsley
1 clove garlic, grated
¼ TSP ground pepper

 $^{1\!\!/_2}$ cup part-skim ricotta cheese

- 6 TBS crumbled feta cheese
- 2 red bell peppers (about 8 ounces each), cut in half lengthwise and seeded ¼ TSP salt
- 4 TBS shredded part-skim low-moisture mozzarella cheese, divided

INSTRUCTIONS

-Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

—Heat 1 TBS oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add shallot and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 1 minute. Add spinach in batches and cook, stirring, until wilted, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in dill, parsley, garlic and pepper. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Transfer the spinach mixture to a large mixing bowl. Stir in ricotta and feta.

—Rub bell peppers with the remaining 1 TBS oil and sprinkle with salt. Divide the spinach mixture among the peppers and top each with 1 TBS mozzarella. Place in an 8-inch-square baking dish.

-Bake until the peppers are tender, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

SERVING INFO: (Yields 4 servings)

1 stuffed pepper = 1 V, 1 M, 1/2 FT

See photo of recipe at <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.