PHILLY CHEESESTEAK STUFFED PEPPERS

Basic Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

4 large green bell peppers (look for peppers that sit flat)

1 lb. raw lean ground beef (4% fat or less)

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped mushrooms

4 slices low-fat American cheese, torn into pieces

Spices: garlic powder, salt, black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

- —Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- —Carefully slice off and discard about half an inch from the top (stem end) of each bell pepper. Remove and discard seeds. Place peppers cut-side up in a deep 9" X 13" baking pan. If peppers do not sit flat, gently lean them against the pan sides for support.
- —Bake until peppers are soft, 20 25 minutes.
- —Meanwhile, bring a large skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium-high heat. Add beef and sprinkle with 3/4 tsp. garlic powder and 1/2 tsp. each salt and black pepper. Add onion and mushrooms. Cook, stir, and crumble until beef is fully cooked and veggies have softened, about 10 minutes.
- —Transfer beef-veggie mixture to a large bowl. Add cheese pieces, and stir until melted and well mixed.
- —Blot away excess moisture from bell peppers. Evenly distribute beef mixture among the peppers.

SERVING INFO: (Serves 4)

1 stuffed pepper = 1 P, 1 V