

# INGREDIENTS

## 1. Bolognese sauce:

- ¼ large onion, coarsely chopped
- ¼ celery stalk, coarsely chopped
- 3 mushrooms chopped
- 1 zucchini- chopped
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ pound ground beef chuck
- 1 sweet Italian sausage
- Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper
- ¼ cup water
- Splash of worcheshire sauce.
- ¼ cup whole milk
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth, divided

## 2. Béchamel:

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1.5 cup whole milk, warmed
- Pinch of freshly ground nutmeg
- Kosher salt

## 3. Assembly:

- Kosher salt
- Unsalted butter, room temperature (for dish)
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1 cup mozzarella

## 4. Special Equipment

- A pasta maker

# PREPARATION

## 1. Up to two days ahead

### 1. Make the Bolognese sauce

2. Heat olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add ground beef, ground pork, mushrooms, and vegetables; cook, breaking up ground meat with a spoon, until moisture is almost completely evaporated and meat is well browned, 25–30 minutes; season with salt and pepper.
3. Add water to pot and bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits from bottom of pot, about 2 minutes. Add milk; bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until moisture is almost completely evaporated, 8–10 minutes. Add tomatoes and broth; bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer, adding water by 1/4-cupfuls if sauce looks dry, until flavors meld and sauce thickens, 45 minutes.
4. Let sauce cool, then cover and chill at least 12 hours or up to 2 days. (Letting the sauce sit will give it a deeper, richer flavor.)

## 2. Up to one day ahead

### 1. Make the fresh pasta dough

Whisk salt and 3 cups flour in a large bowl, make a well in the center, and crack eggs into well. Mix eggs with a fork, then slowly mix in flour until a shaggy dough forms. Turn out

dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead, dusting lightly with flour if sticky, until smooth, about 5 minutes (it will be fairly stiff). Wrap in plastic; let sit until dough holds an indentation when pressed, 1–2 hours.

2. Chill dough if you are not rolling it out right away. Bring to room temperature before rolling out, about 1 hour.

3. **Make the noodles**

Set pasta maker to thickest setting; dust lightly with flour. Divide dough into 4 pieces. Working with 1 piece at a time and keeping remaining dough wrapped in plastic as you work, flatten dough into a narrow rectangle (no wider than mouth of machine); pass through rollers. Fold dough as needed to fit and run through again. Repeat without folding, adjusting machine to thinner settings after every pass and dusting with flour if sticky, until pasta sheet is 1/16" thick (setting 8 on most machines). Place pasta sheets on a lightly floured surface and cut crosswise into 16 8"-long noodles.

4. If making noodles ahead, stack on a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper between each layer. Cover with plastic wrap; chill.

5. **Make the béchamel**

Heat butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat until foaming. Add flour and cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute. Whisk in warm milk, 1/2-cupful at a time. Bring sauce to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer, whisking often, until the consistency of cream, 8–10 minutes; add nutmeg and season with salt. Remove from heat, transfer to a medium bowl, and press plastic wrap directly onto surface; let cool slightly. Chill if not using right away.

3. **Day of**

1. **Reheat the sauces**

Combine Bolognese sauce and remaining 1 cup broth in a large saucepan over medium heat, and heat until sauce is warmed through.

2. Meanwhile, if you made the béchamel ahead of time, heat in a medium saucepan over low heat just until warmed through (you don't want to let it boil).

3. **Cook the noodles**

Working in batches, cook fresh lasagna noodles in a large pot of boiling salted water until just softened, about 10 seconds. Remove carefully with tongs and transfer to a large bowl of ice water; let cool. Drain noodles and stack on a baking sheet, with paper towels between each layer, making sure noodles don't touch (they'll stick together).

4. **Assemble the lasagna**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 13x9" baking dish with butter.

5. Spread 1/4 cup béchamel in the prepared baking dish. Top with a layer of noodles, spread over a scant 3/4 cup Bolognese sauce, then 1/2 cup béchamel, and top with 1/4 cup Parmesan. Repeat process 7 more times, starting with noodles and ending with Parmesan, for a total of 8 layers. Place baking dish on a rimmed baking sheet and bake lasagna until bubbling and beginning to brown on top, 50–60 minutes. Let lasagna sit 45 minutes before serving.

6. Lasagna can be assembled 12 hours ahead. Cover and chill. Let sit at room temperature 2 hours before baking. Cook, covered with foil until the last 20 minutes, then finish cooking uncovered.