Quesadilla Casserole

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes Makes 8 servings

Ingredients:

1 lb ground beef
½ c. chopped onion
1/8 c. chopped green/red/yellow peppers
2 cans (15oz) tomato sauce
1 can (15oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
2 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp minced garlic
½ tsp oregano leaves
½ tsp crushed red pepper (optional)

OR instead of spices use:

1 Tbl. + 1 tsp Homemade Taco Seasoning (Click Here for my recipe)

4 flour tortillas4 c. shredded cheddar cheeseDried cilantro (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13x9" baking dish or 2 qt baking dish.
- 2. Brown beef, peppers, and onion in large skillet on medium-high heat; drain. Add tomato sauce and beans. Stir well. Add in spices (or seasoning) and combine. Bring to boil. Turn heat down and let simmer for 5 minutes.
- 3. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the meat mixture in the bottom of your baking dish. Put 2-3 tortillas on top, overlapping if necessary. Add half of the remaining meat mixture on top and spread out evenly. Top with $\frac{1}{2}$ the cheese. Repeat starting with tortillas, then the rest of the meat mixture and top with remainder of cheese. Top the cheese with a sprinkle of cilantro.
- 4. Put in preheated 350° oven and bake for 15 minutes or until melted and bubbly. Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes. Serve hot!

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