## **Stuffed Peppers**



## Ingredients

- 6 bell peppers (orange, red, green, or yellow)
- 2 tbsp nucoa buttery stick (or your favorite kind)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ½ tsp oregano
- 1 tsp cumin
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1-1/2 lbs ground beef
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 2 cups shredded cheese

## **Directions**

- 1. Cut tops off peppers and remove seeds and membranes.
- 2. Chop edible parts off tops and set aside.
- 3. Rinse peppers in cold water.
- 4. Heat olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium heat until hot.
- 5. Chop the edible parts of the pepper tops into small pieces and sauté them with the onion and garlic for about 5 minutes.
- 6. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, oregano, 1 tsp salt, black pepper, cumin, red pepper flakes, and cook for about 5 minutes.
- 7. In a large mixing bowl, combine 1 tsp salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp black pepper, Worchester sauce, beef, rice, and tomato mixture.
- 8. Stuff peppers with mixture and place in 13x9 baking dish with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water in the bottom and bake 375 for 60 minutes covered.
- 9. Uncover and top with cheese and any remaining tomato sauce and bake for 15 more minutes uncovered.