

## <u>Stuffed Banana Pepper Soup</u> Recipe found on <u>AnnsEntitledLife.com</u>

Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 50 Minutes

Total Time: 1 Hour 5 Minutes

## **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups Banana Peppers, diced
- ½ Green Pepper, diced
- 1 medium Onion, chopped fine
- 1 lb Mild Ground Italian Sausage
- 1 heaping tsp Minced Garlic
- 1 TBSP Olive Oil
- 2 TBSP Butter
- 4 cups Chicken Stock
- ¾ cup Evaporated Milk
- 1½ cups Parmesan Cheese, shredded
- 8 oz Cream Cheese, cubed
- ¾ tsp Salt
- ½ tsp Black Pepper
- 1 tsp Basil
- 1 tsp Oregano
- ½ tsp Thyme
- 1 cup Dry Orzo

## **Directions:**

- Cut off tops of Peppers, remove seeds.
- Dice banana peppers and green peppers; set aside (reserve a few slices for garnish if you like).
- Chop onion; set aside.
- Spray the bottom of a large stockpot with nonstick spray.
- Chop up ground sausage (if necessary), add to stock pot; cook until sausage is no longer pink.
- Remove sausage from pan.
- In the same large stockpot (do not clean) sauté onion, garlic, and peppers in olive oil and butter over medium heat for 5 minutes.
- Add back cooked sausage to the stockpot.
- Add chicken stock and evaporated milk to the stock pot mixture. Increase heat and bring the mixture to a boil.
- Add in Parmesan cheese, cream cheese, salt, pepper, basil, oregano, and thyme; stir until cheese begins to melt.
- Reduce heat to medium; cover and simmer 25 minutes stirring occasionally.
- Add dry Orzo pasta to the mixture.
- Stir constantly for 10 minutes until pasta is cooked.
- Makes 8 servings Stuffed Banana Pepper Soup