

## Vegan Eggplant and Tomato Dip

Eggplant is an ingredient that is used in many regions in the Middle East. This recipe combines eggplants and tomatoes to create a flavorful vegan dip that everyone can enjoy.









- 3 Eggplants
- 2 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1 Medium onion, chopped
- 2 Cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp Tomato paste
- 1 tbsp Olive oil
- 1tsp Turmeric

## **DIETITIAN'S MESSAGE**

This dip is a great appetizer but can also be made into a main meal by adding protein to it. If you want this dip to become a more complete meal, add protein to it by mixing in some crumbled tofu, tempeh or no salt added canned chickpeas.

- 1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
- 2. Wrap the eggplant in foil.
- 3. Roast the eggplants for 40–60 minutes, until they become soft. Once ready, allow them to cool. Peel the skin and mash the flesh with a fork.
- 4. Sautée the onion on medium heat and add the turmeric.
- 5. When the onion turns golden brown, add the tomato paste. Cook for 5 minutes until tomato paste turns dark red.
- 6. Add the tomatoes, cook for 5–7 minutes or until the tomatoes start to soften.
- Add eggplant, stir in with other ingredients. Cook for 10–15
  minutes until the ingredients are combined well and the water
  has evaporated.
- 8. Serve with a side of whole grain pita bread or crackers.



