Turkey Enchilada Lasagna (Mexican Casserole)

This is a tried and true family favorite, created years ago to use up leftovers and known as Mexican Casserole amongst my family and friends. It used to be a leftovers recipe, now it's the dinner my son wants before he leaves for college. It's very forgiving, and variety of proteins and vegetables can be used. I will confess to having using a can of cream of celery soup when my kids were little, but no more:) —<u>Leith Devine</u>

SERVES6

Ingredients

- **12-18** corn (or flour) tortillas
- 2 cups leftover turkey or chicken, chopped
- 1-2 cups vegetables, cooked (corn, peas, spinach etc)
- 1 1/2 cups grated "mexican" or cheddar cheese
- 28 ounces can green enchilada sauce, mild
- ²/₃ cup sour cream
- **4.5 ounces** can green chiles, chopped
- 1/2 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can cream of celery soup (optional and if your kids are small!)
- crushed tortilla chips
- guacamole

Directions

- 1. Stack the tortillas a few at a time and slice into 1 inch strips. Set aside.
- 2. Chop the turkey or chicken into bite sized pieces.
- 3. In a medium bowl, mix together green enchilada sauce, sour cream, green chiles, cumin, oregano, salt, pepper, (optional cream of celery soup!:). Set aside.
- 4. Grease a 9 x12 casserole. Put enough sauce on the bottom to cover. Place a layer of tortilla strips down to cover the bottom.
- 5. Add a layer of turkey, then vegetables, then a sprinkle of cheese.
- 6. Spread some sauce on top, then add a another layer of tortillas. It's important that the tortillas are next to the sauce because they need to soften up before cooking.
- 7. Repeat layers, finishing up with the rest of the sauce. Use 1 cup of cheese for casserole.
- 8. Set aside for 1/2 hour for tortillas to soften. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 9. Sprinkle crushed tortilla chips on top for crunch and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese.
- 10.Bake for 30 minutes until bubbly. Serve with guacamole, sour cream and hot sauce!