

# **Ingredients**

#### Chicken

- 1 tablespoon <u>butter</u>
- 1.5 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts (4 small chicken breasts or 2 large chicken breasts, halved)
- Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper spice
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper

### **Creamed Spinach**

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 10 oz. fresh spinach
- 4 cloves of garlic, chopped
- <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup half-and-half
- <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup shredded mozzarella cheese

## **Additional Ingredients**

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 4 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 4 slices Pepper Jack cheese or Monterey Jack cheese with jalapenos

## **Instructions**

#### **Preheat the Oven**

Preheat your oven to 375°F.

## **Prepare the Baking Pan**

Oil the bottom of the baking pan to prevent sticking.



#### Season the Chicken

Season the chicken breasts generously on both sides with salt, lemon pepper, and a small pinch of cayenne pepper.

#### Bake the Chicken

Place the chicken breasts flat side down in the greased baking dish. Bake at 375°F for 15-20 minutes or until fully cooked.

### **Prepare the Creamed Spinach**

- 1. Heat 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
- 2. Add the chopped garlic and sauté until fragrant.
- 3. Add the fresh spinach to the skillet and cook until wilted.
- 4. Pour in the half-and-half and stir in the shredded mozzarella cheese. Cook until the cheese is melted and the mixture is creamy.

#### Cook the Mushrooms and Bacon

- 1. In another skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil over medium heat.
- 2. Add the sliced mushrooms and sauté until tender.
- 3. Stir in the chopped cooked bacon.

#### **Assemble the Dish**

- 1. Once the chicken is done baking, remove it from the oven.
- 2. Spread the creamed spinach over the baked chicken breasts.
- 3. Top with sautéed mushrooms and bacon.
- 4. Place a slice of Pepper Jack cheese or Monterey Jack cheese with jalapenos on top of each chicken breast.

#### Final Bake

Return the baking dish to the oven and bake for an additional 5-10 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.



# **Serve and Enjoy**

Remove the dish from the oven and let it cool slightly. Serve the smothered chicken hot, and enjoy your meal!

This rewritten recipe provides clear headings and step-by-step instructions, making it easy to follow and prepare the Smothered Chicken with Creamed Spinach, Bacon, and Mushrooms.