## **SPAGHETTI-SQUASH SPAGHETTI**

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 13-lb spaghetti squash
- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove fresh garlic, minced OR 1 tsp. jarred, minced garlic
- 1/2 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced OR 8 oz. can no salt added, diced tomatoes

- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. dried, salt-free Italian herbs
- 1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 16 oz. can no salt added tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup bite-size fresh mozzarella balls (can substitute fresh mozzarella)
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped, or, torn basil OR 1 tsp. dried basil



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## Serves: 4 • Nutrition Information:

Calories: 172; Total fat: 6.5g; Sat fat: 2.5g; Cholesterol: 10mg; Sodium: 64mg; Total carb: 27g; Dietary fiber: 6g; Protein: 6g.

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Cut spaghetti squash in half. On a baking sheet coated with cooking spray, place both halves face down and bake for 1 hour or until tender.
- 3. Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and cook
- until soft, about 5-7 minutes. Add diced tomatoes, pepper, herbs and red pepper flakes. Cook until liquid is evaporated, about 2-3 minutes. Add tomato sauce, reduce heat to mediumlow and simmer for 10 minutes.
- 4. Let squash sit at room temperature

- until just cool enough to handle. Take a fork and scrap flesh from outside working in, creating "spaghetti noodles"
- Add squash noodles to sauce and remove from heat. Toss with mozzarella balls and basil and serve.