

# RECIPE OF THE WEEK: PALEO EDITION

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## Melanzana Riccha (Eggplant in a Meat Sauce)

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### Ingredients:

1lb extra lean (96%) ground beef  
½ large eggplant, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 large onion, cut into 1-inch cubes  
½ cup fresh chopped basil (about 15 leaves), or 1 tbsp dried basil  
½ cup slivered or chopped olives  
2 large tomatoes, chopped  
½ small can tomato paste (85 grams)  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
Salt and pepper, to taste

### Instructions:

In a large skillet or wok, fry the ground beef, onions, and garlic on medium-high heat until the beef is browned, about 10 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and stir until you have a thick, smooth texture. Cover and simmer on low-medium heat for an additional 10 minutes.

Side dishes particularly suited for this recipe include grilled peppers and tomatoes, or mashed garlic cauliflower.

### Nutritional Info (per serving):

612 calories  
86g protein  
31g carbohydrates  
8g fiber  
14g sugar  
15g fat

Prep Time – 25 minutes

Difficulty Level – Easy

Servings – 2

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