

## RECIPE

Hero Vegetable: Collard Green

## Collard Green Cornbread

## Ingredients:

2 cups collard greens, rinsed, stems removed and chopped small 11/2 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels ½ cup milk 1½ cups stone ground cornmeal 1 tsp salt 34 tsp baking soda 1 small red bell pepper, diced small 2 eggs, lightly beaten 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese 1/3 cup vegetable oil 2 Tbs butter 3 cloves garlic, minced

## Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350F.

In your blender or food processor, pulse the corn kernels with the milk. You don't have to puree it until it's smooth. I give the blender a few pulses until the corn is breaking down but still has texture. Set the corn aside.

In a medium sized sauté pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the red bell pepper. Sauté for about 2 minutes. Add the garlic, sauté until fragrant about 30 seconds. Add the chopped collard greens and continue to cook for another 2-3 minutes until the greens begin to wilt and turn a darker green. Turn off heat and let cool.

In a large bowl whisk together the cornmeal, salt and baking soda. Add the eggs, pureed corn, collard greens and peppers mixture, oil, and cheese.

Bake in a buttered 9 inch baking pan for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 10 minutes before slicing.