FISH FLORENTINE

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INGREDIENTS:

- 4 (5 oz) thick pieces of skinless white firm fish fillet (such as grouper, bass or halibut). Flounder or shrimp also works well.
- 1 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salted butter
- 1 cup red bell pepper chopped
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 9 ounces fresh baby spinach (from two bags)
- 2 ounces 1/3 less fat cream cheese (I like Philadelphia)
- ¼ cup half & half cream
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup Cherry tomatoes (halved)
- kosher salt
- fresh black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a large skillet over medium heat add 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil and 1/2 tablespoon of butter, red bell pepper and garlic and cook for about 4 minutes.
- 2. Add spinach season with a pinch of salt and pepper mix until the spinach wilts down.
- 3. Add cream cheese, half & half and parmesan cheese mix well until cream cheese is melted and resembles creamed spinach.
- 4. Heat a separate skillet on medium high heat, add remaining oil and butter.
- 5. Season fish on both sides with salt and pepper and place on the hot pan.
- 6. Cook 6 minutes on first side and flip fish over and cook other side an additional 5 minutes, until cooked through and browned.
- 7. Divide the spinach mixture on the bottom of each plate and top with piece of fish
- 8. Best served over white or brown rice. If served over rice, divide spinach mixture over rice, then top with fish