

## **Baked Pasta with Italian Sausage**

From The Larissa Monologues at [larissamarks.com](http://larissamarks.com)

serves 6

16 ounces pasta  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 pound Italian sausage  
1 onion, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 15-ounce can tomato sauce  
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil (or 1 teaspoon dried basil)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook pasta according to package instructions until al dente; drain.

Heat oil in a large, deep cast iron skillet. Place sausage, onion, and peppers in skillet and cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Stir in tomatoes and tomato sauce, and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Toss with cooked pasta. Top with an even layer of mozzarella. Sprinkle top with basil.

Bake in oven for 20 minutes, or until cheese is melted.