

**serves 6**



# SEAFOOD STUFFED SHRIMP

## Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 shallot, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 stalk celery, minced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 pound medium wild American shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
- 1/2 pound jumbo lump crabmeat
- 1 green onion, minced
- 1/2 cup Shrimp Stock or water
- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup dried bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 18 jumbo wild American shrimp, peeled with heads and tails on

## Directions

Preheat the oven to 425°. Melt the butter in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shallots, garlic, and celery and cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle the flour into the skillet and stir until mixed into the vegetables. You're making a blond roux. Add the chopped medium shrimp, crabmeat, and green onion. Slowly add the stock, stirring until sauce thickens; remove from the heat. Add the fresh bread crumbs, pepper flakes, salt, and pepper. Set the stuffing aside.

Mix together the dried bread crumbs, Parmesan, oil, and thyme in a small bowl until the oil moistens the mixture. Set the topping aside.

With a small knife, butterfly the jumbo shrimp by making a deep incision down the back of each. Remove the vein, keeping the head and tail intact. Smear some olive oil all over the shrimp with your hands. Salt and pepper well and transfer to a baking pan, open side up. Generously fill each jumbo shrimp with stuffing and top with the bread crumb topping. Bake until golden, 12-15 minutes.