Avocado Stuffed Zucchini
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6 small to medium plump zucchini
2 ripe avocados
1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
1 Tbsp olive oil
1 Tbsp wine vinegar
2 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
½ small onion, finely chopped
1 tsp salt
paprika and cilantro sprigs for garnish

• Trim the stem ends of the zucchini and cut them in half lengthwise. Put them in a pot of boiling salted water for 4 minutes, then drain them and run cold water over them for a minute. Working carefully with a dessert spoon, scoop out the pulp, leaving a shell about ¼ inch thick. Put the pulp in a sieve to drain and turn the shells upside down on a rack for about 10 minutes.

• Chop the well drained zucchini pulp. Peel the avocados, remove the pits, and chop them or mash them with a fork. Add the avocado to the zucchini pulp. Stir in all the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly.

• Fill the zucchini shells with the avocado mixture and sprinkle with a line of paprika down the center of each. “Plant” a small sprig of fresh cilantro in the stuffing of each zucchini, arrange them on a platter, and chill for an hour or two before serving.