

Pasta with Spinach Pesto

Haven't had spinach pesto before? Neither had we, but once we tried it we were hooked. It gives a layer of flavor to the classic basil pesto that we love, to say nothing of the extra vitamin boost. We're making our version with plenty of lemon to keep things bright & mixing it up with roasted cauliflower, toasted pecans and penne pasta. Yum!

35 Minutes to the Table

5 Minutes Hands On

1 Whisk Super Easy

Getting Organized

EQUIPMENT

Saucepan
Rimmed Baking Sheet

FROM YOUR

PANTRY

Olive Oil
Salt & Pepper

5 MEEZ CONTAINERS

Cauliflower
Penne Pasta
Spinach Pesto
Pecans
Parmesan
Cheese

Add Protein Cooking Instructions

Integrate into recipe: While the pasta is cooking in step 3, cook the protein (per instructions below) and then slice into strips (*flake the salmon, leave shrimp whole*) and stir into the cooked pasta and sauce in step 4.

Cook protein: Lightly sprinkle the protein with salt & pepper. Heat a large skillet with 1-2 Tbsp olive oil on medium-high heat (*high for steak.*) When the oil is hot, cook the protein until the: CHICKEN is crisp and brown, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Let rest for 5 minutes. STEAK bottoms are brown and sides start to color, about 4 minutes per side for medium (3 min for med-rare and 5-6 min for well done.) Let rest for 5 minutes. SALMON is crisp and brown, about 4 minutes per side. Let rest for 5 minutes. SHRIMP are opaque and no longer grey in color, about 1 minute per side.

Good To Know

Health snapshot per serving – 620 Calories, 23g Protein, 12g Fiber, 19 Smart Points

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INGREDIENTS: Cauliflower, Penne Pasta, Spinach, Pecans, Parmesan Cheese, Olive Oil, Lemon, Basil, Garlic, Spices

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1. Getting Organized

Preheat your oven to 450 and put a saucepan of water on to boil.

2. Roast the Cauliflower

Put the **Cauliflower** on to a rimmed baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss well and arrange in a single layer. Bake until the cauliflower is golden brown in places, about 15 to 25 minutes; stir once or twice while it's cooking.

We line our baking sheets with parchment paper to make clean up a breeze.

3. Cook the Pasta

While the cauliflower is roasting, salt the pasta water generously, add the **Penne Pasta** and cook until al dente, 12 to 14 minutes. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water. Drain the pasta and then return to the pan.

When we say "salt generously," we mean it. Chef Max says it should taste like salt water.

4. Put It All Together

Add the **Spinach Pesto** along with 1 to 2 Tbsp of olive oil to the cooked pasta. Mix well, then add some of the reserved pasta water if you'd like the sauce looser.

Don't skip the olive oil! It brings out the flavors of the pasta.

Mix in the roasted cauliflower, **Pecans** and salt and pepper to taste. Top with **Parmesan Cheese**.

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Instructions for two servings.

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