

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 and mixing it up with roasted cauliflower bits, 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

Make The Meal Your Own

Cooking with a picky eater? This dinner is a crowd pleaser. If you want to sneak the cauliflower in, though, you could puree it instead of leaving it whole.

Omnivore's Option – Pancetta or bacon is delicious with this dinner.

Want to get a jump on dinner? Roast the cauliflower ahead of time. When you're ready to eat, reheat it in the microwave until warm.

Good To Know

If you're making the gluten-free version, we've given you gluten-free pasta.

If you're making the vegan version, we've left the Parmesan out of your meal. Just use an extra pinch of salt and pepper as you cook.

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

Have questions? The dinner hotline is standing by from 5 to 8 pm at 773.916.6339.

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.

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

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

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Instructions for two servings.

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