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Spiral Pasta with Tomato & Cheese

The classic combo of onion, garlic and tomato pairs brilliantly with salty capers and basil in this most simple and classic of pasta sauces. The real hero of the dish is the chilli which adds flavour and warmth. Keep out the chilli for the kids, but if you're feeling brave, add ¼ tsp of chilli flakes and enjoy this dish the traditional, 'angry' Italian way. Buon appetito!



Prep: 10 mins Cook: 15 mins Total: 25 mins



level 1



veggie



spicy

Pantry Items





Olive Oil



Wholemeal Spiral Pasta



Brown Onion





Red Capsicum



Garlic



Birdseye Chilli











Diced Tomatoes

Capers

Basil Leaves

Pine Nuts

Parmesan Cheese

| Qty | Ingredients | | | |
|---------|---|---|--|--|
| 500 g | wholemeal spiral pasta | wholemeal spiral pasta | | |
| 1 tbs | olive oil * | olive oil * | | |
| 1 | brown onion, finely chopped | brown onion, finely chopped | | |
| 1 | red capsicum, diced | red capsicum, diced | | |
| 1 clove | garlic, peeled & crushed | garlic, peeled & crushed | | |
| 1 | birdseye chilli, deseeded & finely chopped (optiona | birdseye chilli, deseeded & finely chopped (optional) | | |
| 2 tins | diced tomatoes | | | |
| 1 cup | water * | | | |
| 1 tbs | capers (optional) | | | |
| 1 bunch | basil leaves, finely chopped | Α | | |
| 2 tbs | pine nuts | | | |
| 1 block | Parmesan cheese, finely grated | 1 | | |

- May feature in another recipe
 - * Pantry Items

Servings per recipe: 4 Nutrition per serve

| Energy | 2490 | Kj |
|--------------|------|----|
| Protein | 23.2 | g |
| Fat, total | 14.8 | g |
| -saturated | 3.5 | g |
| Carbohydrate | 84.5 | g |
| -sugars | 6.5 | g |
| Sodium | 392 | mg |



You will need: chef's knife, chopping board, grater, garlic crusher, large saucepan, and a medium saucepan with lid.

- 1 Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil. Add the **wholemeal spiral pasta** and cook for **10 minutes** or until 'al dente', stirring regularly to ensure that the pasta does not stick. Drain and return back to the saucepan.
- 2 Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan over a medium heat. Add the brown onion and red capsicum. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes and then reduce the heat to medium-low and cover with a lid. Cook for 5 minutes or until the capsicum softens. Remove the lid and add the garlic and birdseye chilli (leave out the chilli if you don't like too much heat!) and cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until fragrant.



- 3 Add the diced tomatoes and water. Bring to a simmer for 10 minutes or until it has thickened slightly and the vegetables have softened. Stir through the capers, basil leaves and pine nuts until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Throw in the drained pasta and toss to coat well.
- 4 Divide the pasta between bowls and top with the finely grated Parmesan cheese, if you like.

Tip: If the kids don't eat capers, you can just stir them through the adult serves before serving up.



Did you know? This recipe is called Arrabiata in Italian, which means 'angry'-referring to the heat of the chilli used.