

Product Spotlight: Basil

Basil is actually part of the mint family and is native to tropical Asia. It has been used for over 5000 years as both a spice and for its medicinal properties.

Mighty Green Pesto Pasta

with Garlic and Thyme Steaks

A surprise green pesto sauce tossed through pasta with pan fried tomatoes and sliced tender thyme steaks on the side.



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Hide the vegetables!

A very sneaky pesto! Blending the just cooked broccoli with the basil and parmesan lets you sneak in a whole lot of vegetable with very little fuss.

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FROM YOUR BOX

FETTUCINE	250g
BROCCOLI	1/2 *
GARLIC	2 cloves
BEEF STEAKS	300g
RED ONION	1/2 *
CHERRY TOMATOES	1/2 bag (100g) *
BASIL	20g
GRATED PARMESAN	2/3 packet *
LEMON	1/2 *

*Ingredient also used in another recipe

FROM YOUR PANTRY

olive oil + oil for cooking, salt, pepper, dried thyme, balsamic vinegar

KEY UTENSILS

large frypan, saucepan, food processor or stick mixer

NOTES

If you don't have a food processor, finely chop the broccoli and garlic and add to the pan at step 3. Chop the basil and add with parmesan at step 5.

No beef option – beef steaks are replaced with chicken schnitzels. Increase cooking time to 4–5 minutes on each side or until cooked through.

No gluten option - pasta is replaced with GF pasta.



1. COOK THE PASTA

Bring a pot of water to the boil. Add pasta and cook according to packet instructions or until al dente. Chop broccoli into florets and add to the water for the last 2-3 minutes. Drain (reserving **1/2 cup pasta water**) and return to pan.



4. MAKE THE PESTO

Place cooked broccoli, 1 garlic clove and basil leaves into a food processor with 1/2 cup parmesan. Pulse with **2 tbsp olive oil** and **1/4 cup of pasta water** (see notes).



2. COOK THE STEAKS

Heat a frypan over medium-high heat. Crush <u>1 clove of garlic</u> and rub over steaks with **1 tsp thyme, oil, salt and pepper**. Cook for 2-4 minutes each side until cooked to your liking. Remove to a plate and drizzle with **1/2 tbsp vinegar.** Keep pan over medium heat.



5. TOSS WITH PASTA

Tip vegetables and pesto into pasta pan and toss well. Add remaining **pasta water** and squeeze in juice from 1/2 lemon. Season with **salt and pepper**.



3. COOK THE ONION

Add **1 tbsp oil** to frypan. Slice and add onion. Cook for 2 minutes then add halved cherry tomatoes and **1 tsp thyme**. Cook for a further 2 minutes.



6. FINISH AND PLATE

Slice steaks.

Serve pasta into bowls and add sliced steak on the side, sprinkle with remaining parmesan to taste.

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