



# **Smoked Chicken and Pumpkin Pasta**

This comfort meal features sweet pumpkin, crunchy toasted almonds and smoked chicken breast fillet served with pasta.







# Smooth sauce

To make a non-chunky sauce, add 1/2 cup water in step 3 instead of step 4. Let simmer 10-15 minutes (until pumpkin is tender), then blend using a stick mixer. Mix with pasta and serve with sliced chicken and a fresh cherry tomato & spinach side salad.

#### FROM YOUR BOX

LONG PASTA	250g
ALMOND FLAKES	1 packet (40g)
DICED PUMPKIN	250g
RED ONION	1/2 *
GARLIC CLOVE	1
CHERRY TOMATOES	1/2 bag (100g) *
SMOKED CHICKEN BREAST FILLET	1 packet
BABY SPINACH	1/2 bag (60g) *
CHIVES	1/3 bunch *

<sup>\*</sup>Ingredient also used in another recipe

#### FROM YOUR PANTRY

oil/butter for cooking, dried rosemary, salt and pepper

#### **KEY UTENSILS**

large & deep frypan, saucepan

#### **NOTES**

If you prefer, you can instead roast the pumpkin, onion and tomato in the oven and toss with the pasta, spinach and chicken at the end.

For a creamy finish, add a splash of cream or a little cream cheese at the end. For a savoury finish, mix in some parmesan cheese instead.

No gluten option - pasta is replaced with GF pasta.



#### 1. COOK THE PASTA

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil. Add pasta and cook according to packet instructions or until al dente. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup pasta water.



#### 2. TOAST THE ALMONDS

Heat a large frypan over medium-high heat and toast almonds until golden. Transfer to a bowl and keep pan over heat.



### 3. START THE SAUCE

Add **oil** to the frypan and add pumpkin, sliced red onion, crushed garlic and **1/2 tsp rosemary** (see notes). Cook for 4-5 minutes.



## 4. ADD THE CHICKEN

Halve cherry tomatoes and slice chicken (use chicken to taste), add to pan with 1/2 cup water. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.



# 5. ADD PASTA & SPINACH

Roughly chop the spinach. Lightly mash pumpkin, then add spinach, pasta and reserved pasta water. Cook for 2-3 minutes for spinach to wilt, then season to taste with salt and pepper (see notes).



# 6. FINISH AND PLATE

Slice chives.

Divide pasta into bowls and garnish with toasted almonds and chives.

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