

Product Spotlight: Leek

Leek is a powerhouse of nutrition, rich in vitamins A, K & C, as well as manganese and folate. What can we say? We leek it a lot.

4 Bacon and Cheese Pasta

Pasta tossed with a creamy cheese and bacon sauce that contains hidden veggies! That's right; this decadent sauce may taste like an indulgence, but it's full of wholesome cauliflower and leek.



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Instead of simmering the leek & cauliflower and mixing it to make a sauce, you can pan-fry or oven-roast the veggies and toss with the pasta and bacon-tomato mix instead. Sprinkle over Parmesan to serve.

FROM YOUR BOX

LONG PASTA	500g
LEEK	1/2 *
CAULIFLOWER	1/2 *
GARLIC CLOVES	2
CHERRY TOMATOES	1/2 bag (200g) *
GREEN CAPSICUM	1
BACON	200g
SUNDRIED TOMATOES	1/2 jar (140g) *
ROSEMARY STALK	1
PARMESAN CHEESE	2/3 packet (100g) *

*Ingredient also used in another recipe

FROM YOUR PANTRY

olive oil + oil/butter for cooking, salt, pepper, balsamic vinegar

KEY UTENSILS

large frypan, saucepan, stick mixer (see frontpage tip)

NOTES

Use oil from the sun-dried tomatoes for extra flavour.

No pork option – bacon is replaced with sliced turkey. Add with the sun-dried tomatoes.

No gluten option - pasta is replaced with GF pasta.



1. COOK THE PASTA

4. COOK THE BACON

Reheat pan with oil (see notes) over

medium-high heat. Slice and add bacon,

cook for 2-3 minutes. Roughly chop sun-

dried tomatoes and 11/2 tsp rosemary, add

to pan, and cook for a further 2 minutes.

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil. Add pasta and cook according to packet instructions or until al dente. Drain.



2. COOK THE LEEK

Heat a frypan with **2 tbsp oil/butter** over medium-high heat. Slice leek and chop cauliflower, adding to pan as you go with crushed garlic. Pour in **2 cups water**, cover, and simmer for 5–10 minutes until tender. Pour veggies and water into a jug and keep pan.



3. PREPARE THE TOPPING

Quarter cherry tomatoes and dice capsicum. Toss together in a bowl with 1 tbsp olive oil, 1/2 tbsp vinegar, salt and pepper.



5. BLEND THE SAUCE

Use a stick mixer to blend the leek and cauliflower with parmesan cheese. Return to pan with the bacon mix. Add to pasta and mix well. Season to taste with **salt and pepper**.



6. FINISH AND PLATE

Divide pasta between bowls and spoon over fresh topping.

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