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Roasted "Cacio e Pepe" Spaghetti

with Garlic & Chili Sautéed Kale





30-40min 2 Servings

Have you ever cooked something so surprisingly delicious that it put a little pep in your step? Well, get ready because this vegan "Cacio e Pepe" is everything. First, we dry roast spaghetti-it adds incredible depth of flavor and nuttiness. After boiling the roasted pasta, we toss it in a sauce made with garlic, almond butter, lots of black and red pepper (it's the pepe!), and cheesy nutritional yeast. In a word, it's divine.

What we send

- 1 bunch Tuscan kale
- garlic
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 oz fresh chives
- 6 oz spaghetti ¹
- 1 pkt crushed red pepper
- 1 oz nutritional yeast
- 1.15 oz almond butter 15

What you need

- kosher salt & ground pepper
- · olive oil

Tools

- large pot
- microplane or grater
- rimmed baking sheet
- colander
- medium skillet

Allergens

Wheat (1), Tree Nuts (15). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 960kcal, Fat 62g, Carbs 83g, Proteins 21g



1. Prep ingredients

Preheat oven to 450°F with a rack in the center. Bring a large pot of **salted water** to a boil. Strip **kale leaves** from tough stems; discard stems. Tear or chop leaves into bite-sized pieces. Thinly slice or finely chop **1 tablespoon garlic**. Finely grate **1 teaspoon lemon zest**, then quarter lemon. Thinly slice **chives**.



2. Roast pasta

Spread **spaghetti** in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Roast on center oven rack until pasta is golden brown and toasted, about 5 minutes (watch closely as ovens vary).



3. Boil kale & roasted pasta

While **spaghetti** roasts, add **kale** to boiling water. Cook until kale is tender, 4-5 minutes. Transfer to a colander (do not drain water), rinse kale with cold water and squeeze out any water.

Return water to a boil. Add **roasted pasta** to boiling water and cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente, 10-12 minutes. Reserve **1 cup cooking water**; drain pasta. Reserve pot for step 5.



4. Sauté kale

In a medium skillet, combine **garlic**, **crushed red pepper** (or less, depending on heat preference), and ¼ **cup oil**. Cook over medium heat until garlic is sizzling, 2–3 minutes. Add **kale**; cook over medium-high, tossing, until kale is very tender, 4–5 minutes. Stir in **lemon zest** and **2 teaspoons nutritional yeast**. Season to taste with **salt**, **pepper**, and **a squeeze of lemon**.



5. Finish pasta

Return reserved pot to medium heat. Add **3 tablespoons oil** and **1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper**. Cook until pepper is bubbling and fragrant, 1-2 minutes. Add **boiled pasta, almond butter, ¼ cup nutritional yeast**, and ¾ **cup of the reserved cooking water**. Cook over high heat, stirring vigorously, until sauce is thick and glossy, 1-2 minutes.



6. Finish & serve

Toss pasta with chives and 1 teaspoon lemon juice; season to taste with salt. Thin sauce with remaining reserved pasta water, 1-2 teaspoons at a time, if sauce is too thick.

Drizzle pasta and kale with olive oil, if desired. Serve pasta with sautéed kale on the side, and with any remaining lemon wedges for squeezing over. Enjoy!