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Italian Grandma's Pasta with Broccoli

30 min · Serves 6 · 421 kcal a serve · Video 14:55 · Buon-A-Petitti

Nut-free

A Puglian-style family pasta where broccoli makes up a big share of the plate: each serve has over 100 g of broccoli for vitamin C, vitamin K and fibre, with olive oil as the main fat and only a little cheese.

Diet notes: Vegetarian with a vegetarian hard cheese instead of the pecorino Romano (traditionally made with animal rennet).

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Ingredients 9 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 680 g **broccoli**, washed and cut into small bite-size pieces
- [ ] **Pasta**: 450 g dried pasta of your choice
- [ ] 60 ml extra **virgin olive oil**
- [ ] 4 **garlic** cloves, chopped
- [ ] ¼ tsp **hot pepper flakes**, to taste
- [ ] ¼ tsp **black pepper**, or to taste
- [ ] 120–240 ml grated **Pecorino Romano** (120 ml counted)
- [ ] a little of the **broccoli cooking water**
- [ ] **salt** for the cooking water and to taste

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Gluten, Milk. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Bring a large pot of water to the boil, salt it and cook the small broccoli pieces until tender. 1:26
2. Meanwhile, warm the olive oil in a wide pan and gently fry the chopped garlic with the hot pepper flakes, without letting the garlic brown. 2:30
3. Lift the broccoli into the garlic oil with a splash of its cooking water and let it cook a few minutes more until it breaks down almost like a cream. Keep the broccoli water boiling. 4:19
4. Cook the pasta in the same broccoli water until just al dente, then drain and toss it into the broccoli pan, adding a little more cooking water if it looks dry. 6:02
5. Season with black pepper and salt to taste, stir in the grated Pecorino Romano and serve with a little extra cheese on top. 7:26

> **Tip** Serves about 6 (450 g of pasta; our estimate). Use wholewheat pasta for more fibre, or add a can of cannellini beans for extra protein. Reheat leftovers with a splash of water.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
421 kcal	16 g	60 g	6 g	13 g	550 mg
1,760 kJ	32% of a day	54 g net · 3 g sugars	22% of a day	3 g saturated	24% of a day
		22% of a day		17% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 55% · protein 16% · fat 29%

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin C 113% · Vitamin K 101% · Selenium 88% · Folate 21%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B6 19% · Zinc 15% · Vitamin E 15% · Magnesium 14% · Calcium 12% · Potassium 10% · Iron 10%

Recipe and video: Buon-A-Petitti (@BuonAPetitti) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=GGw9faNN8V8, published 9 May 2023. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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