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Pasta e Ceci: One-Pot Pasta with Chickpeas

40 min · Serves 4 · 835 kcal a serve · Video 15:01 · Vincenzo's Plate

Nut-free

Chickpeas blended into a cream make the sauce rich without cream, and pasta with a legume gives each bowl about 16 g of fibre and nearly 30 g of protein in one pot.

Diet notes: Vegan if you leave out the pecorino; Vegetarian with a vegetarian hard cheese instead of the pecorino (traditionally made with animal rennet); Dairy-free if you leave out the pecorino.

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Ingredients 13 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 12 oz **ditalini rigati** (or other short pasta)
- [ ] 2 × 15 oz cans **chickpeas**, drained and rinsed
- [ ] 1 **carrot**, very finely chopped
- [ ] ¼ **onion**, finely chopped
- [ ] 1 **garlic** clove, crushed
- [ ] 1 × 14.5 oz can whole peeled **tomatoes**, crushed
- [ ] 1 sprig **fresh rosemary** (plus a little to garnish)
- [ ] 3–4 **bay leaves**
- [ ] 4–5 tbsp extra **virgin olive oil** for the soffritto + 2–4 tbsp blended into the chickpeas
- [ ] grated **pecorino**, as much as you like (about 1½ oz), to serve (optional; leave it out for a vegan version)
- [ ] **salt**, to taste (go easy)
- [ ] **black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] about 2½ mugs **water**, added gradually (most is absorbed by the pasta)

Amounts in US 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. Drain and rinse the chickpeas, keeping the two cans separate. Blend one can with 2–4 tbsp olive oil and 2–3 tbsp water into a smooth cream. Crush the tomatoes. 1:01
2. Warm 4–5 tbsp olive oil in a large pot over low heat; add the finely chopped carrot and onion with the bay leaves and rosemary sprig. Cover and cook 5 minutes. 2:29
3. Add the crushed garlic and 2 tbsp water, cover and cook 5 more minutes. Strip the rosemary leaves into the pot and discard the stem. 3:47
4. Stir in the crushed tomatoes and the whole chickpeas and season lightly with salt and pepper. Fish out the bay leaves. 5:05
5. Add the dry pasta and stir to coat, then add a mug of water and cook over higher heat like a risotto, stirring and adding a second mug as needed, for about 10 minutes. 6:37
6. When the pasta is nearly al dente stir in the chickpea cream (plus a splash of water) and cook 2–3 minutes until creamy, not runny. Off the heat, stir in pecorino if using and top with chopped rosemary. 9:37

> **Tip** Use wholewheat ditalini for extra fibre and skip the pecorino to keep it vegan. Keep stirring so the pasta does not stick, and add water a little at a time.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
835 kcal	29 g	107 g	16 g	34 g	700 mg
3,490 kJ	58% of a day	91 g net · 13 g sugars	59% of a day	6 g saturated	30% of a day
		39% of a day		43% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 46% · protein 15% · fat 39%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 106% · Folate 65% · Iron 37% · Vitamin E 37% · Zinc 33% · Magnesium 29% · Vitamin B6 26% · Vitamin K 25% · Vitamin A 21%

Source of (10–19%) Calcium 19% · Omega-3 19% · Potassium 18% · Vitamin C 15%

Recipe and video: Vincenzo's Plate (@vincenzosplate) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=R3HQr5Dhmfc, published 27 January 2024. 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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