

Beefy Skillet Pasta with Italian-Dressed Salad

Family Friendly 35 Minutes



HELLO BASIL Herbaceous and slightly sweet!

Start here

- Before starting, preheat the broiler to high.
- Wash and dry all produce.

Bust out

Large oven-proof pan, colander, measuring spoons, large bowl, measuring cups, whisk, large pot

Ingredients

| | 2 Person | 4 Person |
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| Ground Beef | 250 g | 500 g |
| Rigatoni | 170 g | 340 g |
| Crushed Tomatoes | 370 ml | 740 ml |
| Ricotta Cheese | 100 g | 200 g |
| Mozzarella Cheese, shredded | ¾ cup | 1 ½ cups |
| Italian Seasoning | 1 tbsp | 2 tbsp |
| Baby Spinach | 56 g | 113 g |
| Garlic Puree | 1 tbsp | 2 tbsp |
| Red Onion, chopped | 56 g | 113 g |
| Balsamic Vinegar | 2 tbsp | 4 tbsp |
| Basil | 7 g | 7 g |
| Mini Cucumber | 66 g | 132 g |
| Carrot, julienned | 56 g | 113 g |
| Sugar* | ½ tsp | 1 tsp |
| Butter* | 2 tbsp | 4 tbsp |
| Oil* | | |

Salt and Pepper*

* Pantry items ** Cook to a minimum internal temperature of 74°C/165°F.

Allergens

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Ingredients are packaged in a facility that also handles egg, fish, crustacean, shellfish, milk, mustard, peanuts, sesame, soy, sulphites, tree nuts and wheat.

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Prep

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Add **10 ½ cups water** and **2 tsp salt** to a large pot (use same for 4 ppl). Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. While **water** comes to a boil, slice **cucumber** into ¼-inch rounds. Whisk together **half the vinegar**, **1 tsp Italian Seasoning**, **2 tbsp oil** and ¼ **tsp sugar** in a large bowl (dbl all for 4 ppl). Set aside.



Start sauce

Heat a large oven-proof pan over mediumhigh heat. When hot, add ½ **tbsp oil** (dbl for 4 ppl), then **beef**, **onions** and **half the carrots**. Cook, breaking up **beef** into smaller pieces, until no pink remains, 4-5 min.** Carefully drain and discard excess fat.



Cook rigatoni

While **beef** cooks, add **rigatoni** to the **boiling water**. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 10-12 min. Reserve ¼ **cup pasta water** (dbl for 4 ppl), then drain.



Finish sauce

Add **remaining Italian Seasoning**, **remaining vinegar**, **garlic puree**, **crushed tomatoes**, ¹/₄ **tsp sugar** and **2 tbsp butter** (dbl both for 4 ppl) to the pan with **beef**. Season with **salt** and **pepper**. Bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to medium. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until **sauce** thickens, 4-5 min.



Assemble skillet

Remove the pan from heat, then add **rigatoni** and **reserved pasta water**. Season with **salt** and **pepper**. Stir to combine, then spread **pasta mixture** into an even layer. Dollop **ricotta** over top of **pasta mixture**, then sprinkle with **mozzarella**. (NOTE: If you don't have an oven-proof pan, transfer mixture to a 9x13-inch baking dish before assembling and broiling.) Broil in the **middle** of the oven until **cheese** is melted and golden-brown, 2-3 min.



Finish and serve

Add **spinach**, **cucumbers** and **remaining carrots** to the large bowl with **dressing**. Season with **salt** and **pepper**, then toss to combine. Divide **skillet pasta** and **salad** between plates. Tear **basil** over **pasta**.

Dinner Solved!