

# **One-Pot Southwest Beef and Cavatappi**

with Monterey Jack and Baby Spinach

Family Friendly 25–35 Minutes



A sweet pepper is just a green pepper that has been left on the vine to ripen!

## Start here

Before starting, wash and dry all produce.

#### Bust out

Measuring spoons, measuring cups, large pot

#### Ingredients

	2 Person	4 Person
Ground Beef	250 g	500 g
Cavatappi	170 g	340 g
Sweet Bell Pepper	160 g	320 g
Yellow Onion	56 g	113 g
Baby Spinach	28 g	56 g
Garlic, cloves	1	2
Marinara Sauce	½ cup	1 cup
Tex-Mex Paste	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded	½ cup	1 cup
Beef Broth Concentrate	1	2
Oil*		
Salt and Pepper*		

#### \* Pantry items

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

#### Allergens

Hey home cooks! Please refer to the website or app for the as-prepared recipe nutritional information.

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

• Core, then cut **pepper** into ½-inch pieces.

• Peel, then cut **half the onion** into ½-inch pieces (whole onion for 4 ppl).

• Peel, then mince or grate **garlic**.



#### **Cook peppers**

- Heat a large pot over medium-high heat.
- When hot, add ½ **tbsp oil** (dbl for 4 ppl), then **peppers**. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender-crisp, 3-4 min.
- Season with **salt** and **pepper**.
- Transfer **peppers** to a plate. Set aside.



### Cook beef and onions

- Reheat the same pot over medium-high.
- When hot, add **beef** and **onions** to the dry pot. Cook, breaking up **beef** into smaller pieces, until no pink remains, 4-5 min.\*\*
- Carefully drain and discard excess fat, if desired.



#### Cook cavatappi

• Add **Tex-Mex paste, garlic, marinara sauce, broth concentrate, 2** <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> **cups water** (5 cups for 4 ppl) and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> **tsp salt** (dbl for 4 ppl) to the pot with **beef and onions**. Stir to combine, then bring to boil over high.

• Once boiling, stir in **cavatappi** and reduce heat to medium. Simmer uncovered, stirring often to prevent sticking, until **cavatappi** is tender, 12-16 min. (**TIP**: If pasta is sticking too much, add more water, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup at a time. Scrape up any pieces that are stuck to the bottom of the pot.)



#### Finish cavatappi

• Add **peppers** and **spinach** to the pot with **cavatappi**. Cook, stirring often, until **spinach** wilts, 1-2 min.

• Season with **pepper**, to taste.



#### Finish and serve

• Divide **Southwest beef and cavatappi** between bowls.

• Sprinkle **cheese** over top.

## **Dinner Solved!**