

# Speedy Sausage 'Ziti' with Fresh Penne and Balsamic Spinach Salad

20-min





Mild Italian Sausage, uncased





Fresh Penne





Baby Spinach

Mirepoix







**Baby Tomatoes** 



**Crushed Tomatoes** 





Balsamic Vinegar



Mozzarella Cheese, shredded

Italian Seasoning



Ricotta Cheese

# Start here

- Before starting, preheat the broiler to high.
- Add 10 cups water and 2 tsp salt to a large pot (use same for 4 ppl). Cover and bring to a boil over high heat.
- Wash and dry all produce.

#### **Bust out**

Colander, measuring spoons, large bowl, whisk, measuring cups, large pot, large non-stick pan, 8x8-inch baking dish,

# Ingredients

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	2 Person	4 Person
Mild Italian Sausage, uncased	250 g	500 g
Fresh Penne	227 g	454 g
Mirepoix	113 g	227 g
Baby Spinach	56 g	113 g
Baby Tomatoes	113 g	227 g
Garlic Salt	1 tsp	2 tsp
Crushed Tomatoes	370 ml	796 ml
Mozzarella Cheese, shredded	¾ cup	1 ½ cups
Balsamic Vinegar	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Italian Seasoning	1 tbsp	2 tbsp
Ricotta Cheese	100 g	200 g
Sugar*	1 ½ tsp	3 tsp
Oil*		
Salt and Pepper*		

<sup>\*</sup> Pantry items

# 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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# Cook sausage and mirepoix

Heat a large non-stick pan over medium-high heat. When hot, add ½ tbsp oil (dbl for 4 ppl), then sausage and mirepoix. Cook, breaking up sausage into smaller pieces, until no pink remains, 4-5 min.\*\*



#### Make sauce

Add crushed tomatoes, half the vinegar, Italian Seasoning, garlic salt, 1 tsp sugar (dbl for 4 ppl) and ¼ cup water (use same for 4 ppl) to the pan with sausage. (TIP: Swirl the water in the empty tomato container to get every last drop!) Stir to combine, then bring to a simmer. Cook, stirring often, until sauce thickens slightly, 4-5 min.



## Cook penne and season ricotta

While **sauce** simmers, add **penne** to the **boiling water**. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 2-3 min. Reserve ½ **cup pasta water** (dbl for 4 ppl), then drain and return **penne** to the same pot, off heat. While **penne** cooks, season **ricotta** with **salt** and **pepper**, then stir to combine. Set aside.



## Assemble and broil 'ziti'

Add **sauce** and **reserved pasta water** to the pot with **penne**. Season with **pepper**, then toss to combine. Transfer **penne mixture** to an 8x8-inch baking dish (9x13-inch for 4 ppl). Arrange in an even layer. Dollop **ricotta** over top, then sprinkle with **mozzarella**. Broil in the **middle** of the oven until **sauce** is bubbly and **cheese** is golden-brown, 3-4 min. (TIP: Keep an eye on ziti so it doesn't burn!)



### Make salad

While 'ziti' broils, halve tomatoes. Add remaining vinegar, ½ tsp sugar and 1 tbsp oil (dbl both for 4 ppl) to a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper, then whisk to combine. Add tomatoes and spinach, then toss to combine.



## Finish and serve

Divide **'ziti'** between plates. Serve **salad** alongside.

# **Dinner Solved!**

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