

Zucchini Ribbon Pasta

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Ingredients

- 3/4 pound whole-wheat fettuccini
- 2 medium green zucchini (about 1 pound)
- 2 medium yellow zucchini (about 1 pound)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup grated (1-ounce) Parmesan (lightly packed), plus 2 tablespoons
- 1/3 cup finely minced parsley leaves, plus more for garnish
- 1 cup thinly sliced basil leaves, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- Salt

Instructions

In a large pasta pot, cook pasta "al dente", 1 or 2 minutes less than the package instructions call for. Drain.

Meanwhile, slice off ends of zucchini and discard. Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. Using a mandoline, or carefully with a sharp knife, slice zucchini into very thin (about 1/8-inch) slices, trying to keep some skin on each piece for color. Stack slices and cut in half lengthwise. Reserve zucchini ribbons in a large bowl.

In the pasta pot, heat the olive oil over low-medium heat. Add garlic and cook until soft and translucent but not browned, about 1 minute. Add zucchini ribbons and 1/4 cup chicken broth, raise heat to medium-high and cook until zucchini is still somewhat firm but just cooked, about 3 minutes. Return pasta to pot and add remaining chicken stock; cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until liquid has mostly absorbed into the pasta. Add 1/4 cup of the Parmesan, parsley, basil, red pepper flakes, black pepper and toss to combine. Season with salt, to taste. Serve garnished with additional parsley, basil and the remaining 2 tablespoons of cheese.

Per Serving:

Calories 490; Total Fat 16 g; (Sat Fat 3.5 g, Mono Fat 8 g, Poly Fat 2 g) ; Protein 22 g; Carb 74 g; Fiber 14 g; Cholesterol 5 mg; Sodium 240 mg

Excellent source of: Protein, Fiber, Vitamin A, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin C, Folate, Vitamin K, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, Phosphorus, Potassium, Selenium

Good source of: Pantothenic Acid, Zinc