Pasta with Shrimp and Arugula Pesto



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Serves 4

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

For the pesto:

___2 cups of Fresh Baby Arugula, washed and dried

__1/4 cup of Fresh Parsley

__1/4 of a Clove of garlic

__1 tsp of Lemon Juice

__3 Tbsp of Toasted Chopped Almonds

__1/4 cup of Olive Oil plus 1 tablespoon

___1/4 cup of Freshly Grated Parm

___Salt to taste

For the Remaining Ingredients:

__12oz of Rigatoni

- __2 Tbsp of Olive Oil
- __1 lb of Shrimp, shelled and deveined
- __2 Cloves of Garlic, minced
- __Salt

1) Fill a large pot with some water, add a generous pinch of salt and bring to a boil. Add the pasta to the cooking water and allow to cook until al dente, reserve about half a cup of the cooking water then drain the pasta.

2) To make the pesto, add the arugula, parsley, lemon, garlic, almond, parm, salt and one tablespoon of oil. Start pulsing and then with the motor running, stream in the oil and blend until your pesto comes together, set aside.



3) In a skillet with high sides (make sure the skillet is big enough to hold everything in) add the olive oil along with the garlic and let it come to a sizzle over medium heat, add the shrimp, season with a pinch of salt and cook until they are cooked through.

4) Add the drained pasta to the skillet with the shrimp along with the pesto (and any of the starchy cooking water if you need to thin it out a bit) cook everything together just for a minute then serve it up!