Pasta with Pancetta and Cherry Peppers



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Serves 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients

- __12 oz Penne Pasta or any pasta shape of your choice
- __1 Tbsp of Olive Oil
- __4 oz of Pancetta, diced into 1/4 pieces
 - _4 Cloves of Garlic, sliced
- 2 14.5oz cans of Hunts Tomato Sauce
- 1 tsp of Granulated Sugar
- __1/2 tsp of Italian Seasoning
- __1/3 cup of Pickled Cherry Peppers (about 3 peppers) seeds removed and peppers torn or chopped into bite size pieces
- __2 Tbsp of Freshly Chopped Parsley __1/4 cup of Freshly Grated Parmigiano to

- 1) Fill a large pot with water, add a pinch of salt and bring to a boil.
- 2) In a large skillet with high sides, add the olive oil and preheat it over medium heat, add the pancetta and cook until the pancetta renders its fat and crisps up a bit, this will take around 5 minutes.
- 3) Add the garlic, saute for an additional 2 minutes or until the garlic lightly browns.



- 4) Add the tomato sauce, the Italian seasoning and sugar, give everything a nice stir bring the mixture up to a boil, reduce the heat to medium low. Partially cover the skillet with a lid and simmer for 25 minutes.
- 5) About 10 minutes before the sauce is done cooking, the pasta water should be boiling, add the pasta, cook according to package instructions and drain well.
- 6) Add the cherry peppers to the sauce along with a good pinch of salt and pepper, stir in the pasta, parsley and parmigiano.

Serve right away!