## **5-INGREDIENT PARMESAN PASTA**

Yield: 4 servings | Total Preparation Time: 30 minutes





## Ingredients

- 8 oz spaghetti or pasta of your choice (whole wheat preferred)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 cups packed baby spinach
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

## Instructions

- 1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions
- 2. Drain the pasta, reserving  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the pasta water. Set pasta aside.
- 3. Using the same pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add in the pasta and spinach.
- 4. Gently toss and cook until spinach leaves are wilted. If the pasta starts to dry out, add in some of the reserved pasta water. We usually add about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup.
- 5. Stir in ¼ cup of the Parmesan cheese and toss until combined. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste.
- 6. Pour pasta into a large bowl. Garnish with additional Parmesan cheese and serve immediately.

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Spinach is one of the richest sources of vitamin K; an important nutrient for maintaining bone health. Dark leafy greens like spinach are also important for skin and hair health. Spinach is also a good source of protein, iron, vitamins and minerals. Arugula, kale, Swiss chard or mustard greens would also taste great in place of spinach for this recipe.

