

Be Fit Basics: Broccoli Cauliflower Parmesan Pasta

Adapted from 101cookbooks.com

1 small head of broccoli, cut into florets

1 small head of cauliflower, cut into florets

4 tbsp olive oil, divided

½ tsp kosher salt

2 small yellow onions, cut in half and sliced lengthwise into strips

4 cloves of garlic, minced

Pinch of red chili flakes

1 pound whole wheat pasta, such as penne (white pasta can be used if whole wheat is unavailable) 3/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

½ cup pine nuts, lightly toasted, if desired (see note)

Instructions:

Place the broccoli and cauliflower florets in a sheet pan or baking dish and toss with 2 tbsp olive oil and salt and bake at 425 degrees for 25-35 minutes, or until golden and tender.

Sauté the onions with remaining 2 the of olive oil in a large sauté pan on medium heat until they soften; add the garlic and red chili flakes and cook 1-2 minutes more, until garlic is lightly browned (be careful not to let the garlic burn or it will taste bitter).

Cook the pasta until al dente; strain the pasta, reserving about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the water. Pour the pasta back into its cooking pot and place on low heat; add the water and roasted vegetables. Stir to combine ingredients. Toss with parmesan and pine nuts.

Note:

-To toast the pine nuts, place them in an ungreased sauté pan on medium heat until they turn golden brown (this should only take a few minutes).

Yield: 8 servings



NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVING:

CALORIES: 395 calories PROTEIN: 16 g SODIUM: 320 mg

CARBOHYDRATE: 53 g FIBER: 7 g (4 g using white pasta)

FAT: 16 g Sat Fat: 4.5 g

MAKE IT A MEAL:

Entrée: 1 serving broccoli cauliflower parmesan pasta

Fruit: 2 cantaloupe slices (50 calories) wrapped with 1 slice of prosciutto cut in half (30 calories,

½ ounce total)

GROCERY SHOPPING LIST

1 head of broccoli and a head of cauliflower

2 small yellow onions

4 cloves garlic

Cantaloupe

Parmesan cheese

Prosciutto

Whole wheat pasta

Pine nuts

Condiments: olive oil; salt; red chili flakes

USE OF LEFTOVERS

- Repurpose the leftover pasta by mixing 1-2 cups of it into a basic frittata recipe; cook as usual.