

Easy Pea & Spinach Carbonara

If you're a pasta lover, you'll enjoy this recipe! It is a quick and easy way to add more veggies to your plate. This recipe is sure to become a family favorite!

Yields: 4 servings Serving Size: 1 cup

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ c panko breadcrumbs, preferably whole wheat
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 6 Tbsp grated parmesan cheese
- 3 Tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
- 3 large egg yolks
- 1 large egg
- ½ tsp ground pepper
- 1 (9 oz.) package linguine
- 8 c baby **spinach**
- 1 c peas (fresh or frozen)

Instructions:

- 1. Put 10 cups of water in a large pot and bring to a boil over high heat.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add breadcrumbs and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, until toasted, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl and stir in 2 Tbsp each, parmesan and parsley. Set aside.
- 3. Whisk the remaining 4 Tbsp of parmesan, egg yolks, egg, and pepper in a medium bowl.
- 4. Cook pasta in boiling water, stirring occasionally, for 1 minute. Add spinach and peas and cook until the pasta is tender. Reserve ¼ cup of the cooking water. Drain pasta and place in a large bowl.
- 5. Slowly whisk the reserved cooking water into the egg mixture. Gradually add the mixture to the pasta, tossing with tongs to combine. Serve topped with reserved breadcrumb mixture.

Per Serving: Calories 365 kcal, Carbohydrates 45.9g, Protein 16.9g, Saturated Fat 4g, Sodium 342mg, Fiber 5g, Sugars 3.9g This recipe was adapted from EatingWell.com.

Chef's Note: If you'd like to lower carbs and increase protein – try this recipe with chickpea or lentil pasta or add lean meat like grilled chicken! This will change the nutrition facts listed above.

